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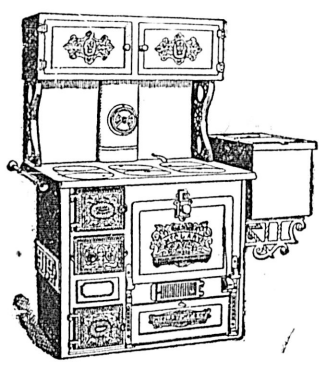

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37 Government St. cor. Broughton, Victoria.
Agent for the Mortgagee.
P.O. Address, Box 188, Victoria, B.C. mr19

CUSTOMS SALE.

I am instructed by A. R. Milne, Esq., C.M.G., Collector of Customs, to sell by Public Auction at the Appraisers rooms, Wharf Street, Victoria, on

Tuesday, March 23rd, at 11 a.m.

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FLAX CULTURE.

The Government having procured a supply of flax seed for the purpose of experimenting; those desirous of undertaking the work, and making the required returns, will be good enough to send in their names to the undersigned.

J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.
Department of Agriculture,
Victoria, March 18, 1897. mr19

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

11th March, 1897.

THOMAS BRIGHAM HALL, of the City of Victoria, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Victoria. mr19

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THE DOGS OF WAR

About to Be Loosed--Austrian Warship Fires on Greek Transport.

Terms Which the Sultan Will Accept are Agreeable to Hellenic Clubs.

CANEA, March 18.—The admirals of the combined fleets in Cretan waters yesterday made a formal proclamation of the intentions of the great powers. It announces that the powers have irrevocably decided to secure complete autonomy for Crete under the sultan's suzerainty, but they are interested before all else to remedy and prevent the ills which have desolated the island. They have therefore agreed upon measures intended to regulate the administration of an autonomous regime, to restore peace and order, and guarantee everyone, without distinction of race, religion and liberty, security of property, resumption of husbandry and industries, and development of the resources of the country.

"Such," continues the proclamation, "is the aim of the powers. They believe this language will be understood by all, and that a new era is about to open for Crete. Let all lay down their arms. The powers desire peace and order, and need authority to enforce their decisions. They count on the assistance of all the inhabitants of Crete, Christians and Mussulmans, in order to accomplish a work which promises to assure peace and prosperity to the Cretans."

The Austrian gunboat Salonica fired upon and sank near Candia a Greek vessel loaded with provisions and munitions of war for the Greek forces in Crete. The Salonica, while watching the Greek ship, was fired on by a party of insurgents. To this the Austrian warship replied by sinking the Greek craft and driving off the insurgents. It is feared that this news will serve to greatly irritate the people, and may have the influence of precipitating the crisis.

ATHENS, March 18.—Yesterday was the usual day of the week for the interchange of courtesies between members of the diplomatic corps in Athens. Mr. Egerton, the British minister to Greece, was the only member of the corps, who called on M. Skouses, the Greek minister of foreign affairs. Of late the others have avoided calling upon him.

According to rumors circulating here, Col. Vassos, commander of the Greek army of occupation, has been ordered to oppose the landing of the foreign troops now on the way to Crete. Advices from Arta, on the Greek frontier, shows that the privations of the Turks there are so severe that some are deserting to the Greek camp. The Turks at Prevesa, Epirus, are arming in consequence of a conflict provoked by the Greek soldiers belonging to the garrison at Actum.

Turkish troops are occupying several posts on the Servian frontier. Batteries at Arta are being constructed under the direction and from the plans of German officers. It is reported in military circles that Russia is about to land troops on the coast of Macedonia. The news that the Servian army reserves are being mobilized is causing anxiety among the Turkish military authorities at Salonica.

PARIS, March 18.—It is reported here that Prince Henry of Orleans will be offered the position of governor of Crete.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 18.—Officials of the Russian embassy here have notified the Turkish government that a Russian transport, having on board troops intended to form the contingent from Russia for the occupation of the island of Crete, according to the programme drawn up by the admirals, will shortly pass through the Dardanelles. The embassies of the other powers have not raised any objections to this proceeding, although by treaty the straits are closed to warships of foreign nations. A large number of Greek army reserve men and volunteers are leaving here for Athens.

LONDON, March 18.—The secretary of the Byron society has had a telegram from Athens stating that the Sultan, desiring to preserve peace, has offered to withdraw the Turkish garrison from Crete and to assign the island to King George to be occupied and administered by Greece, with a recognition of the imperial suzerainty of the Sultan taking the form of an annual tribute. The telegram states that these terms are entirely agreeable to the Hellenic cabinet as well as to the Cretan Mohammedans, who prefer annexation to autonomy.

SILIA, Crete, March 18.—In consequence of an attack made by Cretan Christians upon a number of foreign officers, the commanders of the British, French and Italian warships have notified the insurgents of their intentions to bombard Thursday the village not far from Silia, where the attack was made.

LONDON, March 18.—A dispatch to the London Times from Athens says a strict blocade of Crete began yesterday (Wednesday). Apparently there will be no blockade of Greek ports for some time to come. Insurgents on the island are building fortifications at various strategic points under the direction of Greek officers.

ARBITRATION DENOUNCED.

Senator Morgan Says "There is no Danger of a Misunderstanding of a Serious Nature."

WASHINGTON, March 18.—When the senate went into executive session today the arbitration treaty was reported. Senator Morgan continued his statement in opposition to the treaty on the ground that it was un-American, and more than once made the point that it was the work of the titled aristocracy of Great Britain. "There is no danger of a misunderstanding of a serious nature between the people of this country and the common people of England," he said, and then stated that he ranked such leaders as Gladstone and Bright with the English commoners. But, he continued, the interests of the British aristocracy were in every way antagonistic to the interests of the great masses of the American people. He also advanced the argument that one congress could not by its action bind another, and said that on this account the treaty was a mere piece of buncombe.

"The right of declaring war," he said, "was given to congress, and it is implied that it is given to one congress as much as another. Hence, even if we ratify the treaty it would not be binding on future sessions."

A REGULAR BLOCKADE.

Ambassadors of the Powers Formally Notified of the Action of the Admirals.

Vernon Harcourt on the Policy the Liberals Would Be Prepared to Pursue.

CANEA, March 18.—It is understood that the admirals will compel the Greek warship Pinios to leave Cretan waters to-morrow. Col. Vassos is gathering great quantities of provisions together at his new camp at Sphakia, which is situated in one of the most mountainous and inaccessible portions of the island. The Greek commander is showing no signs of any intention of evacuating the island, and consequently it is believed he has received orders to remain in spite of the opposition of the powers.

Admirals of foreign fleets in these waters have telegraphed to their respective ambassadors at Constantinople, notifying them of the blockade of the island of Crete. Warships will be sent to tour the island and give the mayors of the chief ports copies of the proclamation of autonomy and the announcement of the blockade. There were sharp engagements between the Turks and Cretans outside of Retimo this morning.

In the Boule at Athens this afternoon M. Skouses, the Greek minister of foreign affairs, announced that the foreign admirals had proclaimed the blockade of Crete to begin next Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Under its terms no Greek vessels would be allowed to enter Cretan ports.

The foreign troops who are to constitute the occupying force of the powers have been located as follows: The French will occupy Silia and Spinalonge; the British, Candia; the Russians, Retimo; and the Germans, Canea and Suda Bay.

The Russian commander has already notified the governor of Retimo of his intention to land 300 troops. The Greek warship Pienos is still here. The Cretans declare that before accepting autonomy they must know the details of the scheme.

A great sensation has been caused by the appointment of Museim Pasha as vale. Museim Pasha was the minister of police during the massacre of the Armenians at Constantinople. His appointment is regarded as a sign that the palace policy of the Sultan is to be continued.

NORWICH, Eng., March 18.—Speaking at a meeting of the National Liberal Federation here this evening Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal leader in the House of Commons, said he hoped the opinions collected at the meeting of that organization yesterday evening would be taken as samples of the policy the Liberals were prepared to pursue in this great crisis of the reputation of the English nation. The speaker added that he had carried a musket "in the glorious fight waged against Lord Beaconsfield from 1876 to 1878," and was ready to refight the battle. Continuing, Sir William Vernon Harcourt said that the recollections of the fight of that day would sustain the Liberals of to-day in maintaining the only policy consistent with the honor and fame of England.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Rainy River Railway.

TORONTO, March 18.—A large delegation of citizens of Toronto, Kingston, Rat Portage, Fort William, Port Arthur and other places have petitioned the Ontario government to subsidize the Rainy River railway to the extent of $5,000 per mile for 150 miles. Premier Hardy promised its consideration and said some of his colleagues were convinced of the necessity of the road.

To Avoid Death Duties.

TORONTO, March 18.—The will of the late James Austin, president of the Dominion Bank, shows an estate of $71,699. The deceased gave away the greater part of his fortune before his death in order to avoid the death duties.

Bonaventure Election.

MONTREAL, March 18.—Le Monde attributes the result in Bonaventure to the use made of the Baie des Chaleurs railway and the presence of a large English population. The Manitoba school question had little interest for the electors in that distant part of the country.

A dispatch from Lloyds' agent at Brest says it is feared that the Dutch mail steamer Utrecht, which sailed from Rotterdam Feb. 28, for Batavia, Java, has foundered and that the hundred persons she had on board were lost. The wreckage cast ashore at that place a week ago includes photographs of the officers of the steamer and a number of lifebuoys and cabin doors bearing the name Utrecht.

THOSE CONTROLLERS

To Be Done Away With—Contractors Anxiously Awaiting Results of Tenders.

Fast Atlantic Steamship Service—Tupper on the Results of the Bonaventure Election.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 18.—The drafts of several measures have been under consideration by the Cabinet to-day, among them a bill to restore the department of customs and inland revenue to their old status as independent departments, and to make controllers "full-fledged ministers." In July Hon. Mr. Laurier gave a pledge to Hon. Mr. Paterson that this should be done the coming session.

Many leading contractors are here, waiting for the announcement of the successful tenderers for the Soulanges canal works. It is reported that the Monroes and Murray, of Pembroke, are the lowest on sections 4 to 7.

W. Peterson, a leading steamship man of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, has had an interview with Sir Richard Cartwright and other ministers respecting the fast Atlantic steamship company. His firm are willing to build and manage a fast line of steamers between Liverpool and Quebec and Halifax and have submitted an offer to the government.

Sir Charles Tupper says the result in Bonaventure was not unexpected by him.

It is reported that Hon. Mr. Langelier, M. P., will shortly succeed Judge Taschereau on the supreme court bench.

CANNOT KEEP SILENCE.

Gladstone Unsparingly Arraigns the Powers for Existing Conditions in Europe.

De Blowitz Explains Turko-Russian Relations—The Cretan Business Not Settled.

LONDON, March 18.—There will be published tomorrow by John Murray a sixteen page pamphlet in the form of a letter from the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, under date of March 13, to the Duke of Westminster. It furnishes remarkable evidence of Mr. Gladstone's mental activity and interest in the political situation.

The letter begins by saying: "My ambition is for rest and peace alone, but every grain of sand is a part of the seashore, and, connected as I have been for nearly half a century with the Eastern question, I feel that inclination does not suffice to justify silence."

The letter then proceeds to review events from the beginning of the Armenian massacres, and unsparingly arraigns the powers. Referring to his attempt in 1880 to establish a concert in Europe, Mr. Gladstone says: "We soon discovered that for several of the powers a concert bore a significance totally at variance with that which we attached to it. At present the powers have no common purposes to bind them together. But what is worse than all, this pretended and ineffectual co-operation of governments is to shut out other people. From this mischief we are now suffering."

NEW YORK, March 18. — Under the heading "Is Europe on the Brink of War?" the World this morning publishes a signed copyright cable from Paris, written by M. de Blowitz. The article says:

"More than once it has been said that Russian influence at Constantinople was due to the fact that Russia guaranteed Abdul Hamid his throne. This version is very nearly the true one, but not the whole truth and exact truth.

"To guarantee the throne is not only a narrow and vague formula, but also a rash one, for the upsetting of the throne is usually the work of dometic, internal disintegration against which external action or intervention is often belated, more often still both powerless and dangerous. Such an engagement is distinctly opposed to the usual definite and positive policy of Russia.

"The engagement which Russia has taken, according to the most authoritative sources—to which it bound itself even some time ago—is to guarantee the 'integrity of the Ottoman empire.' These obligations consist in defending the integrity, not only by influence, but by diplomacy, by moral suasion; also by force, by land and sea power.

"The rights consist of its taking care of this integrity when menaced or compromised by eventual strategic or even preventive measures, in occupying points judged to be strategically necessary on land and sea, and assuring itself of certain compensations, all the more menacing because quite unknown.

"Such are the bonds uniting Russia and Turkey."

In conclusion M. de Blowitz says: "Europe, however, I am convinced, will finally triumph owing to the danger in which its runs. But Colonel Vassos can prolong the danger and disturb the quiet of Europe. For this reason we must not be in too great a hurry to think the Cretan business settled.

"In any case to hasten the solution Greece must not be allowed to interfere with the powers; it can only create dangers."

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—the best remedy. x

SPEED IN TELEGRAPHY

What Is Its Limit?—A Feat Recently Accomplished Between New York and Chicago.

A Remarkable Feat—Peep Into the Produce Exchange of New York.

[From the New York Sun.]

The question has been answered many times, but in each case it has been found necessary to revise the answer soon after it was given, as a few more seconds were clipped off the record. When the name of the winner of the Derby is known in all the principal points of the United States a quarter of a minuet after the contest is over, when the result of an international yacht race with three relays is announced in Glasgow 44 seconds after the winner sails across the finish line in New York's lower bay, it seems as though the practical annihilation of time was accomplished. But the men who spend their time in trying to improve the telegraphic service have not been satisfied with these astonishing records, and have tried to drive the time limit still nearer the vanishing point. As a result of their efforts it may be said that the number of relay points have been reduced to a minimum, and that if time will not wait for any man it will at least almost stand still sometime.

The fastest service, both in public and private wire work of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has regularly been between the great exchanges of the country, viz., New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston and New Orleans, and also some smaller cities where business interests are not so heavy. Especially is this noted between the Stock and Produce Exchanges of New York and Chicago. This has been so principally because of the millions of dollars annually invested therein, which hinge on the momentary fluctuation of the market, and consequently demand the fastest service that can possibly be equipped and arranged for regardless of expense.

The limit, for the time being at least, has now been reached by an improvement which was recently made in the connection between the Produce Exchanges have for a long time been connected by direct wires, so that only a few seconds were consumed in sending information from one to the other. Some time ago, however, the Western Union's manager in New York suggested that time might be saved in sending quotations if a telegraph apparatus was set up in the wheat pit itself. This meant saving a trip of perhaps fifteen feet between the wheat pit and the telegraphic booth, but in slicing off seconds one must cut exceedingly thin, and even the smallest things have to be taken into account. The change brought about by the adoption of this suggestion may best be observed by taking a peep into the New York Produce Exchange, for instance, at the opening of business.

At one side of the circle known as the wheat pit stands a high box, which looks like an old-fashioned pulpit, and in which two men are sitting. In front of one of them is a telegraph instrument, the wire from which runs directly to the floor of the Chicago exchange; before the other is a set of keys, controlling the big indicator at the end of the room, which announces at every moment of the day the ruling price of wheat on the floor of the exchange. As soon as the first bid is offered, before the sound of the man's voice can travel across the floor of the exchange, the operator in the pulpit presses one of his keys, and the big indicator on the dial flies around to the figures named in the first transaction. In the second, while we have been watching the performance the "reporter," who has been standing just below the pulpit among the brokers, has scratched the same figures on a yellow slip, has passed this sheet up to the man above him, and the opening price in New York is written in a lightning flash at the Chicago end of the wire.

The booth in which the wire terminates on the floor of the Chicago Exchange is at one side of the room, next to the blackboard on which the New York quotations are displayed. The slip on which the message is received is handed directly to the man at the board, who chalks down the figures with the speed that long practice has given him. The whole transaction occupies perhaps five seconds, and is repeated every time a fresh transaction is made throughout the day. The difference between the time it takes the message to travel across the floor of the New York Exchange, less than 100 feet, and to Chicago, 1,000 miles away, is so slight that the announcement may be said to be made simultaneously in both places. This represents the perfection of telegraphic communication as carried on at present.

It is quite true, also, that a message may be sent and an answer received through the private offices on the floors of these Exchanges, where leased wires are had, more quickly than through the public telegraph offices. It is a matter of record that a message has been sent from New York to Chicago, delivered to a broker on the floor of the Exchange and an answer returned to the sender in New York, all in thirty seconds. In fact this has been done several times.

The New York manager of the Western Union is authority for the statement, that in sending the thousands of messages which travel back and forth between the two Exchanges over the public wires the average time between receiving a message and delivering its answer is not more than two minutes and one-half. It is an interesting fact, that if a New York business man sends two messages at the same time, one addressed to the uptown district of his own city, and the other to the business part of Chicago, or any of the great cities, the chances are that the second message will reach its destination first. The reason for this is simply that the facilities for sending the second message are better than for the first.

Of course in accomplishing the quick work which has been described the completeness of the connection is not the only factor, though it is very important. The operators employed in this work are all men who have been carefully picked from the most skillful operators in the service of the company, the transmitters and receivers are of the latest patterns, and every precaution is used to secure accuracy and speed, where the slightest deficiency in either may mean the loss of thousands.

Of late years the vast business interests between the Atlantic and the Pacific coast cities have greatly increated. This necessitated more direct communication with New York and San Francisco, which was done by replacing iron telegraph wires with copper, and doing away with several of the relay stations, thus forming a direct land route by telegraph from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and enabling a bulletin on anything of interest that happens here to be flashed across the continent in ten seconds time.

BRITISH CAPITAL AWAKES.

Important Article on British Columbia Mines in an Influential London Mining Journal.

The following extract from an article in the Mining Journal and Railway and Commercial Gazette, of London, England, is particularly important as showing the attention which British Columbia promises to receive shortly from English capitalists. It is under the caption of "British Columbia." The Mining Journal says:

The "boom" in British Columbia is approaching. At least that is the opinion of most people. We do not, neither do they, dogmatize, for in these electric times, when every morning startling news of some kind excites us, and another crisis threatens the peace of Europe, it would be folly confidently to predict the course of public investment and speculation. But whether it come early or late, it is bound to come. It is quite time that the attention of British capitalists was attracted to this rich and highly promising gold field. It has taken a very vast amount of time and a vast amount of energy to hammer into the heads of the public the fact that British Columbia as a gold field possesses claims second to none in the whole of our empire. As far back as 1892 we endeavored to enlighten them on this important matter, and onward since that year, until the present moment, we have published articles, which, collected together, would fill many goodly sized volumes. But it is only lately that investors have been aroused by our trumpet calls, and, like persons suddenly awakened out of a heavy slumber, they are half-dazedly and excitedly rushing about endeavoring to make up for the time they have so wantonly wasted. British capital has, therefore, at this late time of day, begun to flow into this most promising of gold fields. It is, however, but a feeble, trickling stream, wriggling along to find its destined course, in fear lest a long drouth might dry it up forever. There is such a fear, of course, but happily, the outlook is more promising for a wet season, when it will swell into a roaring torrent, and ultimately become a steady flowing river. Thus, in figurative language, in which Chairmen at company meetings are so fond of indulging, may we forecast the future career of public investment, with much hope that the dream will not be unrealized. It would be somewhat of the nature of a calamity if the great claims of British Columbia were any longer ignored. Those experts and capitalists who have lately visited the field, to make acquaintance with its merits by personal examination, have been greatly impressed with its wonderful richness, and have returned to this country confirmed enthusiasts. Their opinions fully endorse every word we have written in these columns for many years past, and their admiration is mixed with wanderment that the field has so long lain in unmerited obscurity. We may pat ourselves on the back for having been the first to force public attention in this direction. We led the way, and, though some attempted to follow, they soon became dispirited because others would not follow them, and they quickly turned back. Even a great many of our own renders, strange to say, were skeptical, because, probably, they saw we had no numerous following. But our day of success has at last arrived, and now, amongst the thousands who looked on British Columbia with contempt, it would be difficult to find one who is not impressed with the exceptional richness of the field, and its resources for economical working. Thus every one is now awaiting the "boom," and is expecting its early advent. But a "boom" is accompanied by many dangers. It is synonymous with excitement, in the whirl of which judgment is obscured and reason silenced. When investors are convinced of the richness of a gold field they run away with the idea that every mine that is offered them has an assured future and will pay them colossal dividends. That this is erroneous, experience unhappily demonstrates, and further bitter fruit is yet to be gathered and eaten as the crop of recent blind investment. We would solemnly caution our readers therefore, when the "boom" is on to remain calm, and to exercise discretion and judgment when properties are offered them. Swindles by the score will be advertised by promoters who make their fortunes in these times of excitement, while gutter rags will spring into myriad existence, ostensibly to guide investors, but really to assist in robbing them, and to fatten upon their losses. It is of this noisome, poisonous growth that the public must beware, for the object of their ephemeral existence is to praise those companies advertised in their pages, and to denounce as swindles those which are not.

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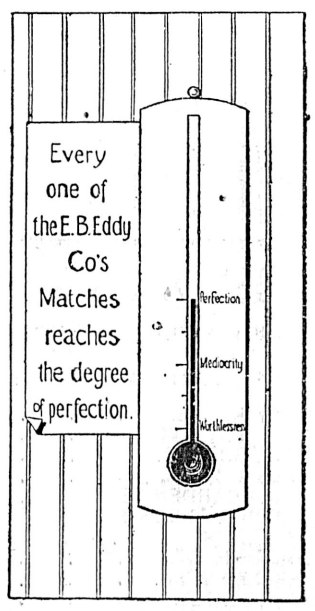

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Increased School Accommodation for Vancouver—Widow Recovers Damages.

A Westminster Church Wants a Pastor—Omineca and Harrison River Mining.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, March 18.—Mr. H. J. Walton, a resident of Vancouver since 1889, leaves for Cariboo tomorrow. Mr. Walton will be much missed in amateur sporting circles.

At a meeting of the school trustees yesterday it was decided to take advantage of the passage of the by-law by the people authorizing the borrowing of money for school purposes and to ask for tenders for the construction of eight roomed additions to the Mount Pleasant, West End and East End schools.

Once more the city authorities have raided the gambling dens on Dupont street and obtained in fines over $300, about the same as was obtained two or three months ago.

In the case of Steves vs. the Municipality of South Vancouver, which was concluded last night Mrs. Steves, the plaintiff, secured a verdict of $10,000 damages. Some time ago W. H. Steves, who was driving the Steveston stage was killed by a falling tree. The widow sued the municipality for $15,000 on the ground that the tree was dangerous owing to its position and should have been removed. The case was tried before Chief Justice Davie, who presided. His Lordship stated that the finding of the jury concurred with his views. A motion for a non-suit was made before the jury retired on a technicality on which argument will be held on Tuesday.

St. Patrick's day was celebrated in a fitting manner by a concert in the Y.M.I. hall last night. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Mr. W. Harper, Mr. H. Victor Austin, Mr. J. R. G. Bullen, Miss A. Rose, Mr. T. Parkinson, Miss K. C. Walker, Mr. W. A. Cornwall, Miss Clara Wood, Miss Gertrude Wood, Mr. F. T. Cope, Mr. E. Walsh, Miss Beattie, Miss Nunmaker.

Immense crowds gathered around the bulletin boards yesterday to learn the results of the fight. The majority of those interested thought Corbett would win, but nine out of ten wanted Fitzsimmons to succeed, and when the result was finally announced the cheering was tremendous. Considerable money changed hands. A prominent mining man on Hasting street won $620 on Fitzsimmons. He gave odds of $10 to $7.

Ex-Mayor H. Collins has returned from the Harrison Lake district, where he has been looking over properties in which he is interested. Mr. Collins states that the properties are about three miles from the river, but a trail can be easily built. The principal property of the group, which is stocked, assays on the surface, according to the first certificate, $299 in gold to the ton.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, March 18.—The death of Mr. F. W. Whiteside took place yesterday at his parents' residence, Fourth avenue.

A meeting was held yesterday by the churchwardens of St. Barnabas church to consider the refusal of Mr. Kameen, of Montreal, to accept the pastorate of the church. Bishop Dart will write to Mr. Kameen on the subject, urging him to reconsider the matter.

The government survey party have surveyed the Fraser as far as Pitt river, and are now surveying Pitt river.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, March 18. — A one story frame dwelling on the Wellington townsite was set on fire at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and totally destroyed, including all its contents. The house was occupied by a Finlander named August Johnston, who, while in a state of intoxication, knocked the lighted lamp off the table in the house, and was unable to put out the flames, being rendered unconscious by the smoke, so that when the fire had burned itself out his body was found burned to a crisp. The cabin was the property of Mr. Benj. Burto.

QUESNELLE.

QUESNELLE, March 13. — Captain Black, representing the Consolidated and the Caledonia Mining Associations, left Quesnelle on the 12th instant with twenty-six men for the Omenica mines. These mines are very rich, and are situated on the Arctic slope, at the headwaters of the Peace river. Captain Black visited these mines twice last year, and has large supplies there. Twelve thousand pounds of hydraulic machinery are lying here for shipment by pack train, and more machinery, together with an electric plant, will be sent on later by way of the Skeena. Five companies are to work there this summer, and 200 men will be employed. They have water in abundance. The supply will be from the Germanson lake, which is twelve miles long and one mile wide. Application has been made for a post office to be established at Dunkell, a village in that vicinity. Large sums have been realized by miners since 1872, but the country is as yet unsurveyed. If they were within reasonable distance of a railway many companies would be organized. At present the expense of transporting food and machinery is enormous. The distance is 350 miles from Quesnelle Mouth.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

At the annual meeting of the Royal Canadian Mining & Development Co., Ltd., the following officers were elected: President, Hon. T. Mayne Daly; vice-president, John Kirkup; secretary, Warring G. Kennedy; treasurer, William B. Townsend, J.P.; consulting engineer and mining superintendent, John Monahan; solicitor, J. L. G., Abbott; managing director, W. H. Cooper. The company owns six mineral claims—the McDonald, Bernice, and Rayner on Deer Park mountain, the Bonanza Queen and Golden Eagle on Sophie mountain, and the Red Fox on the north slope of Columbia mountain, adjoining the Buckeye—all within five miles of the city of Rossland. Operations will be commenced on the property immediately.

The Rhoderick Dhu shaft having been measured by Superintendent Haskins and found to be down 50 feet, the depth stipulated in the contract. The shaft is now in good ore, and a second contract was let for another 50 feet.

The Giant shipped 21 tons the other day to Tacoma, which will be found in next week's statements of shipments.

(From the Rossland Record.)

The Red Mountain railway is blocked with ore for want of switches and other facilities.

Rossland has at present ten shipping mines, thirteen that have shipped at a profit, and about twenty that are in a position to ship as far as ore is concerned.

The machinery for the Palo Alto arrived three days ago and is being installed.

There is three times the quantity of snow at this time that there was in March last year, or the year before.

Options on the Jumbo, Commander and Gertrude have been recorded. It is more than likely that one or other of the properties will be taken, possibly all.

A FRUITLESS EFFORT.

Readers of "Dombey and Son" will remember how Mrs. Dombey, being very ill and none the better for all that was done for her, was finally called upon "to make an effort" for herself. The poor lady made the effort—a feeble performance—and then sank back and died.

A leopard cannot change its spots even if he wanted to, and "no effort" of man or woman can change Nature's ways with them. That was why Mr. Ernest Kenward was unable to shake off the sense of weariness that had taken possession of him. A fit of mere indolence might have shaken off and got to work again, brisk as ever. But this was different; it was ingrained, and no power of will could touch it any more than it could after the color of his eyes or his ways of thinking.

"For many years," he says, "I suffered from an ailment for which I could find no remedy. I felt heavy and dull, and often a sense of weariness crept over me that I endeavored to shake off. Although I was never well, I was never acutely ill. After a fashion I was always able to go about and attend to my affairs, but not with the spring and life a man likes to have when he has got the world to fight in making a living. I worked because I was obliged to, not because I enjoyed it.

"I had a slender appetite and what I ate did me small good; very little strength came of it. After eating I experienced more or less pain and fulness at the stomach and chest. Then there was a sort of all-gone, vacant, sinking feeling that made work doubly hard. I couldn't take hold with a grip and confidence of success like other men. In fact, this constant sense of weakness took the pleasure out of my life.

"For a time I might have borne it without complaint, but it remained year after year. It wasn't always the same, however. Sometimes I felt better; sometimes worse; but I could never say I felt well. Again and again I consulted the doctors, but their medicines did me no good to speak of. Under all the trifling variations in my *sense* of it, the disease was perpetually there, holding me down as one's weight holds him to the earth, no matter whether he sits or stands. Thus it was with me, and the prospect was everything but cheering.

"By occupation I am a grocer and provision dealer, and over and over again I heard my customers speak of an advertised medicine that had wrought many cures in cases like mine. They said it was Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. Still I had no faith in it, and no disposition to try it. Yet how singularly things come to pass.

"In July, 1891, my wife, who had been afflicted with chronic rheumatism, took Mother Seigel's Syrup for that, and found great and unexpected benefit. She then urged me to try it, saying she was sure it would do me good; and sure enough it did. In a week's time I found myself better. My appetite revived, and I could eat without any pain or distress after it.

"This result inspired me with hope and confidence, and I continued with the Syrup. The bad symptoms abated, and I gained strength every day. It now gives me satisfaction to say that in a short time I was completely cured. All the pain, nervousness and lassitude left me, and I was altogether another man. This I owe to Mother Seigel's Syrup, and I shall be glad to have others learn the fact by means of the publication of this letter. (Signed) Ernest Kenwood, Garden House, Rotherfield, near Tunbridge Wells, July 30th, 1895."

So we see that what Mr. Kenward was unable to shake off vanished of its own accord when the remedy he mentions had uprooted the cause—namely, chronic dyspepsia, with, probably, torpor of the liver and a resulting weakness of the other organs. Several times I have pointed out the peculiar misery of those cases wherein the subject is neither ill enough to give up and go to bed, nor well enough to work with comfort and excess. Such a state is like the especially gloomy brand of weather when it neither rains nor shines. And the people who drag along in this dreary way way couldn't find standing room in Hyde Park. How long ought they to remain so? Not a month after they have read what Mr. Kenward here tells them.

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W. A. Carlyle, Provincial Mineralogist in his report of the Slocan District, referres to the Argo: "Ore was found during the past summer, and on the surface in one place the vein was cleaned off for 10 to 12 feet, showing a maximum width of three to four feet of solid ore"

Assays for silver and lead have given value $90 to $125 per ton.

This is a very promising property and as the capital is only $100,000, and the shares are being issued at par, we believe it will turn out a good investment to those purchasing shares at present price.

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By Mr. D R. IRVINE (formerly of Her Majesty's Geological Survey, Scotland.) Apply to ROBT. H. SWINERTON, Sec.-Treas. The Victoria Mining & Development Co., Ld., Lby, 106 Government street, Victoria, B.C. fe17

NOTICE OF SALE BY SHERIFF.

Pursuant to the "Execution Act"

In the County Court of Vancouver Holden at Vancouver, Between The British Columbia Mills Timber & Trading Co., Limited Liability, Plaintiffs, and Nils Christian Hjorth, Defendant.

In obedience to a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the County Court of Vancouver holden at Vancouver and to me directed in the above mentioned suit for the sum of $325.74 and $7 50 for costs of execution and also interest on $325.74 at 6 per cent. per annum on the 24th day of October, A.D. 1896, besides sheriff's poundage, officers' fees and all other legal incidental expenses, I have seized and will offer for sale by public auction at the Court House, Front Street, in the City of Nanaimo, on Saturday, 20th day of March, A.D 1897, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, all the right, title and interest of Nils Christian Hjorth, the defendant, in the lands described in this advertisement, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the judgment, debt and cost in this action.

District.	No. of Lots.	Concise Description of Property	Estate or Interest.
Coast.	Lot 156, Range 1.	160 acres.	Equitable interest.

When to be Sold.	Where to be Sold.
The 20th day of March, A.D. 1897, at the hour 12 o'clock noon.	At the Court House, Front Street, in the City of Nanaimo.

The above judgment was registered at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, on the 24th day of October, A.D. 1896.

The following charges appear registered against the said defendant and his interest in the said lands:

1. Judgment of Arthur N. Smith against Nils Christian Hjorth, registered 30th December, 1896, for $166.83.

2. Judgment of the British Columbia Mills Timber & Trading Company, Limited Liability, against Nils Christian Hjorth for $325.74, registered 24th October, 1896

3. Certificate of Lis Pendens in a certain action between Nils Christian Hjorth, plaintiff, and Arthur Neville Smith, defendant, registered 17th August, 1896.

S. DRAKE,
Sheriff for the County of Nanaimo.
Dated at Nanaimo this 8th day of March, 1897.
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Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	A.M. 8:00	P.M. 3:20
Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:35
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

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	Daily	Sat'day
Lv. Wellington for Victoria	A.M. 8:20	P.M. 3:30
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Ar. Victoria	12:20	7:00

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" Nanaimo for Comox, Wednesday 7 a.m.
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LEAVE VICTORIA for New Westminster, Ladner's Landing and Lulu Island—Sunday at 23 o'clock; Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock. Sunday's steamer to New Westminster connects with C.P.R. train No. 2 going East Monday.
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POPULISM IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Governor Morrill, of Kansas, in his inaugural message described the effect in two years of populistic experiments in legislation on that State. Among other things he said that they had driven twelve millions of dollars out of the state, and would have driven more if more could have been collected. Arguing from the light which such bitter experience gave, he made the strongest kind of a protest against any more psuedo reforms, and advised a speedy return to the methods which, whatever their weakness may be, are those which long usage has made a part and parcel of the business of mankind. Probably no part of the world ever suffered in a pecuniary sense as much in the same length of time as Kansas did from the vagaries of populism. For two years the state was in the hands of men with no business experience, who having no affairs of their own of any magnitude to engross their attention, conceived the idea that the whole world had gone wrong, and that they were "born to set it right."

We observe signs of the mildew of populism in the British Columbia legislature. It is exhibited by attempts to engraft new and unusual conditions upon legislation affecting business. One example is the amendment proposed by Mr. Macpherson to the bill to incorporate the Cassiar Central railway, by which the company is to be asked to put up a bond, to be forfeited in case they fail to begin the road in the time expressed in the charter. The amount of the proposed bond is not large, only $3,000, but it is the principle that is objectionable. It would be just as objectionable if the amount were only $1. Cassiar is almost an undiscovered country. It has been prospected to a some extent, and considerable placer gold has been taken out. The very little examination that has been made to discover auriferous quartz has resulted in some good finds, with the promise that the vast field yet to be investigated will yield highly valuable results. There are areas, aggregating on the whole many thousands of acres, that are fit for colonization. Cassiar may become the seat of great industrial activity; but it is a long distance from any centre of population; it is far removed from any monetary centre; its possibilities are only imperfectly understood and by only a very few people. Its early development is greatly to be desired, for it would mean very much to the Coast cities and the whole Province, even if it should be confined to those localities now known to be worth opening up. Such development is practically impossible without a railway. We are not championing the scheme of the Cassiar Central Company in preference to any other. We do not care, for the purposes of this argument, whether it is better or worse than any other scheme. All we know is that some enterprising men believe that if given a charter they can get the necessary capital to build the road. Perhaps they will find themselves mistaken; perhaps they will not. There are grave obstacles to be overcome, the nature of which will be gathered from the references made above to the district. As if these were not serious enough of themselves, Mr. Macpherson wishes to interpose a legislative obstacle. He wishes to hang out a yellow flag in the shape of a demand for a forfeit, so that all men of enterprise will steer clear of Cassiar railway enterprises. But the amendment means more than this, for what is fair to one must surely be fair to the other, and if one railway company is to be required to proceed at its peril, presumably the same thing will be exacted of every other railway company. We protest that it is outrageous to propose a line of policy which means nothing more nor less than putting the province in financial quarantine for an unlimited period. We cannot believe even a small minority of the British Columbia legislature can be found ready to endorse this populistic vagary.

Another proposition that was highly objectionable and was tainted through and through with populistic mildew was Mr. Kennedy's insurance bill, which the house in committee yesterday refused to pass. To remedy a grievance, which is largely imaginary, this bill proposed to put a burden upon every honest policy holder in the Province, for the new risk would be met by the imposition of new premiums. There is a steady cry going up for cheaper money; Mr. Kennedy proposed to answer it by giving dearer insurance. We cannot think that Mr. Kennedy and those who voted with him really appreciated the gravity and danger of the measure for they themselves are all personally honest men, who would shrink from fraud as from a pestilence. But it is a principle that a man is presumed to intend the consequences of his acts, and if a majority of members of the British Columbia legislature, after due warning, had opened such a door for fraud as that contained in Mr. Kennedy's bill, they would have had no reason to complain if they had been held to have intended to give dishonest men, either by collusion or otherwise, an opportunity to rob the foreign stockholders of insurance companies. It was urged that the companies have no right to take premiums for risks that they do not run. We grant this. If a company takes a risk of $1,000 on a piece of property it takes the risk of of having to pay $1,000 in the event of the property insured being destroyed by fire and being worth that much at the time. This is all the risk the company takes and all the insured is paying for. If the risk assumed was to pay $1,000 whether the property was worth it or not, the company, if it took the risk at all, would simply charge a bigger premium. Mr. Kennedy's bill was unwise from a business point of view. It introexhibition on the mover's part of one of the vagaries of populism, that you can duction was, unconsciously no doubt, an supply the lack of ordinary common sense and old-fashioned honesty by passing a statute.

THOSE COMMERCIAL STATISTICS.

No one will be at all surprised at the attitude taken by the Times in regard to the collection of commercial statistics by the provincial government. Though admitting that it is desirable to have such statistics available and though expressing a hope that the government will be successful in collecting them, the evening paper suggests to merchants that it may not be advisable to place their private affairs in the hands of the government. The suggestion is put in the form of an expression of fear that merchants may take that position. No doubt the Times is disturbed in its equanimity, not to say somnolency, by this harrowing thought.

The Times also feels called upon to raise a question as to the purposes for which the statistics are desired. We are not aware that there has been any secret made on this point. On the contrary it is very generally known that the provincial government wishes to ascertain just what the relations of this province to the federal revenue are. We know the relation of the province to the federal expenditure. This can be gathered from the public accounts of Canada; but it is impossible to obtain from any official data full information as to the amount the Province pays in taxes to the general government. Day after day British Columbia is charged in the Eastern press with being anxious to fatten upon the bounty of Ontario. It is time a conclusive answer was given to this utterly misleading statement. Other provinces have before now gone to Ottawa with claims for consideration and British Columbia may also go. It is therefore of the greatest importance that any application made on behalf of the Province should be strengthened by the strongest possible presentation of the facts as they actually exist; but even if it were desired for no other reason than to put the Province right in the eyes of the whole Dominion, as bearing its full share and more of the public burden, the information ought to be cheerfully given.

The Times inclines to the opinion that the information is sought for the purpose of strengthening a demand for aid to railway construction. It is a little strange that our contemporary did not go further and declare what attitude it will take in the event of such a demand being made. We assume that the Times claims to have some influence at Ottawa, and it would therefore have gratified some people by giving an assurance that inasmuch as "there is a grand total in excess of several million dollars of the Dominion grants for all purposes in the Province," its best efforts will be put forward to secure aid of the character mentioned.

It is to be regretted that in a matter of this kind, which touches all the people alike, the Times could not for once have laid its partizanship aside and joined its efforts to those of the COLONIST in endeavoring to persuade merchants and other business men to aid the government in collecting the desired information.

IN THE COLONIST of March 4 appeared an article in which the Dyson Gibson Company's baking powder was referred to as poisonous, and as one which should not be used. The article was an advertisement, was used in the regular course of advertising and presumably so understood by every one who read it. Such a statement ought not to have appeared and we regret its publication, more especially as the "White Star Baking Powder," which the Dyson Gibson Company manufacture, has a deservedly high reputation in this Province. The statement made in the COLONIST of March 4 was not based upon any investigation made by this paper, but was the advertisement of a rival baking powder company, and the comparisons made with the powders of other companies were in no sense ours.

THE Canadian Miner says that many of the Rossland mining companies plead lack of shipping facilities as the reason for the slow development of their mines and claim that the Crow's Nest Pass railway will help them out. Any Trail Creek mining proposition that professes to be awaiting that railway to enable it to get its ores to a smelter is a fraud, a delusion and a snare. If there is any such the Miner ought to name it, in order that every newspaper in British Columbia may show up the rascality.

THE news which we print this morning of the result of the experiment with Consolidated Alberni ore will be read with the greatest satisfaction by everyone. If the next test proves equally satisfactory we may look for an Alberni boom of very considerable dimensions. The Coast mines bid fair to come to the front this year.

THE Montreal Star has done splendid work in the India famine fund. Its own collections amount to upwards of $40,000 and it has indirectly contributed much to the success of other collections for the same noble object. The Star merits the gratitude of Canada for this great work.

WE reprint from the Leicester (Eng.) Daily Post a somewhat remarkable letter from a resident of Victoria and the comments of the editor thereon. The whole incident is a very touching one.

IF Byron were living he would change his celebrated line and make it read:

"Greece, 'tis living Greece once more."

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

A NOVA SCOTIAN VIEW.

If the C.P.R. people want to build the Crow's Nest Pass railway, there is no particular reason why they should not be allowed to do so under iron-clad restrictions and stipulations which will safeguard the rights and interests of the people of Canada; but there does not seem to be any very pressing reason why the people of Canada should pay them any subsidy to do the work.—Halifax Chronicle.

NOT BY A JUGFUL.

"The Calgary Herald thinks the mining camps will buy a great deal of condensed milk. Where better can milk be produced than here on the Coast?"—Victoria COLONIST. Answer: Here in Alberta.—Calgary Herald.

THE CROW'N NEST PASS.

It is possible that the C.P.R. has the right to build such a line under the general provisions of the contract with the syndicate, or under the charter granted by the legislature of British Columbia, but the moment it begins to deal with the Federal government and parliament, the moment it asks for Federal aid of any kind, it ought to be compelled as a condition of receiving such aid to concede the right of the Federal authorities to regulate its rates and to make some substantial reduction in those rates.—Toronto Globe.

BY WAY OF VARIETY.

Reggy—Do your folks think very much of me, Ethel?

Ethel—Why, they think of nothing else, Reggy. They even lie awake nights—worrying.—Judge.

A traveller lately, describing a tropical shower, wrote to a friend in the following words: "The raindrops were extremely large, varying in size from a shilling to 18 pence."—Tit-Bits.

Papa—I'm surprised that you are at the foot of your class, Tommy. Why aren't you at the head sometimes, like little Willie Bigbee? Tommy—You see, papa, Willie's got an awful smart father, and I guess he takes after him.—Harper's Bazar.

Reporter—It is said that yourself and your comrade, O'Hoggarty, were calm and collected after the dynamite explosion at the quarry. McLubberty—Wull, it was loike dhis: Oi was calm an' O'Hoggarty was collicted.—New York World.

A doctor once took a tippling scotchman to task and graphically described for his benefit the effects of over-indulgence, adding: "Think of what physical pain a man suffers after drinking—the aching brow, the parched throat, the trembling nerves." Whereupon Sandy interrupted him with: "Gie's yer han, doctor man! Ye describe the sensations sae weel that I think it's no' the first time ye've been fou yersel'."—London Tid-Bits.

A Point to Remember.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

How many M's.P.P., who grow warm over the rights of labor to vote against the employment of Chinese, refuse to employ Chinese themselves?

Mr. Semlin propounded rather an amazing idea when he told Mr. Kellie that as he (Kellie) had voted for the second reading of a bill he was committed to the principle involved. A vote for anything in a parliamentary body binds a member to nothing. He may vote one way one minute and another way the next. Surely Mr. Semlin knows this and he must simply have been trying to put the member from Kootenay in a hole.

Mr. Kennedy admitted that one reason for introducing his insurance bill was that people will not read the conditions of their policies. How would it do to appoint a day when all men shall assemble in some fit place and read their policies under penalty of imprisonment? Or how would it do to have a sort of lay reader appointed to go around the country and read the policies to people who hold them! How would it do to pass a general statute declaring that all mankind shall have sense enough to go in the house when it rains? Let us have plenty of paternal legislation. The Anglo-Saxon, of whose glories Mr. Forster loves to orate, has never been brought up on legislative pap. He has never had paternal legislators to provide substitutes for ordinary common sense; but we suppose times have changed.

It was an odd motion that sealed the fate of Mr. Kennedy's bill, and it would not be difficult to improve the practice of the legislature in that respect. In the New Brunswick legislature, where the rules are the result of more than a century's experience, the first test vote on a bill always comes in committee of the whole and on a motion to read the bill section by section, which is always put by the chairman. If, after the principle of a bill has been affirmed on this vote, objections are discovered or for any other reason opponents of the bill think they can kill it, they do so by directing the chairman to report progress without asking leave to sit again, or by postponing further consideration for some long period, such as six months.

By the way, the practice of the British Columbia legislature, following very closely the rules of the house of commons at Westminster, is needlessly involved and could be greatly simplified by being made to conform to the rules of the legislatures in the Maritime provinces. Thus in those legislatures a bill may be introduced and petitions may be presented at any time without notice, the first and second readings follow as a matter of course, both being by title and the second reading taking place immediately after the reading of the Journal on the day after the bill is introduced. The bill is then ready for the proper standing committee, to which it goes without a formal motion. When the standing committee, or, if it is referred to a special committee, that committee reports, the bill is ready for the committee of the whole at any time without notice.

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THE CITY.

"OWING to ———," consequently no telegraphic communications were had until after 12:30 last night.

THE booking for the Burns memorial concert, to take place on the 24th, opens at Jamieson's at 10 o'clock this morning.

REV. T. J. MCCROSSAN conducts this afternoon's Bible reading at the rooms of the Y. W. C. A., his subject being "Christ by the Lake."

LUNCHEON to-day 40 cents; dinner 50 cents; short order meals a specialty. That is why our cafe is becoming so popular. We make best dishes and serve them best. Lawrence, the caterer. x

THE Orillia claim, adjoining the much talked about Tin Horn and supposed to be on the same lead as that mine, has been purchased for an Eastern syndicate by Mr. C. A. Godson. The development of the property will be taken in hand at once.

WING LEE finds that it costs $5 and expenses to violate the city by-laws by allowing water to trespass on adjoining premises, according to the scale adopted by Magistrate Macrae. He will accordingly select a cheaper outlet for the waste from his laundry in future.

The steamer Queen, now en route to Victoria from San Francisco, has on board the following cabin passengers for this city: J. S. White, G. O. Graham, C. G. Rhodes, Mrs. C. J. Conroy, Miss Clifton, A. Flett and wife, J. T. Latham, W. C. Watkins, Jno. J. Hewlings, W. F. Boyd, R. W. Boyd, Mrs. J. M. Nieault, M. I. Osenheim.

THE advertising strength of the COLONIST was again exemplified yesterday by a little incident that business men would do well to make a note of. A little three-liner was inserted in the morning with instructions to all who might answer to call at certain office premises between 2 and 4 o'clock. Just exactly 117 men called—and the man who cannot see the moral on this information should for the benefit of the rest be sent to Westminster at once.

AN important meeting of Victoria Camp, Woodmen of the World, is to be held this evening. Included in the business coming up is a dispensation from the Head Council Commander Hodgins, at London, placing membership fees at cost price for a certain period if the different campsare desirous of adopting such a measure. Several initiations and applications will also be considered in addition to the fixing of a date for the society's next quarterly concert.

ALD. HALL, the energetic chairman of the park committee, is just now spending his spare time in devising means of making Beacon Hill as attractive as possible with the funds at the disposal of the committee. The roads are being put in good shape, and almost any day he may be seen with the absorbed air of a landscape gardener looking around his domain, anxious to get everything in the pink of neatness. Even the bears have been so educated that when they see the chairman coming along, they brush each other's hides and then stand to attention for inspection.

VICTORIANS still remember with pleasure the artistic manner of Effie Elaine Hext's characterizations and the extreme beauty of some of her statuesque poses on the occasion of her former visit to this city, two years or more ago. They will have the opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with the dainty little entertainer next Tuesday evening, when she appears as the costar with Walther, the famous violinist, at a grand concert in the Victoria theatre, Prof. Holub, the Bohemian pianist, being a third member of the clever company. The engagement is under the direction of the High school of this city, and as its object is to provide a piano for the school, it is doubly desirable that the entertainment should be well patronized. The advance sale of seats certainly indicates a full house.

ADJUTANT PHILIPS is expected to pay a visit to the Victoria corps of the Salvation army today, and elaborate preparations are being made for his welcome as well as for a vigorous attack upon the forces of sin during the next week. Included in the programme of services are "eight scenes from the life of a soldier" tomorrow night, a "war memories meeting" on Monday, an "upper room meeting exclusively for soldiers and recruits" on Tuesday, a "monster rally" on Wednesday, and a "hallelujah wedding" for Thursday. Great interest naturally centers in the latter ceremony, it being the first that the officer in charge of this station has been called upon to perform. Adjutant Clark has been selected to tie the nuptial knot, assisted by Adjutant Phillips and Lieutenant Miller, and the bridal banquet from seven o'clock will be open to whosoever will.

New Canvas Art Draperies at The White House.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

ROBERT HATCHER died at the Jubilee hospital yesterday.

ONE by one the unsightly verandahs that are so dear to old timers as souvenirs of early days, disappear from Victoria's business thoroughfares. The last to go has been the verandah in front of the I.O.O.F. building on Douglas street.

TO-MORROW evening's popular concert at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. will be in charge of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church, which is equal to saying that the programme musically and artistically will be of a high standard of excellence.

ANDRE CHRISTENTINE yesterday strove to convince a portion of the business section of Johnson street that when it came to off-hand pugilism he gave no odds to either Fitzsimmons or Corbett. He was finally gathered in by Constable Abel, and this morning the police magistrate will decide as to the extent of the penance.

INQUIRY is being made for one W. Beck, who was a resident of this city as long ago as in 1874. If he is still living he will learn of something to his advantage by communicating with L. A. W. Prouix, 57 St. Gabriel street, Montreal. If he is dead, his remaining relatives would do well to make known the fact to M. Prouix.

GRAND Chancellor Jas. B. Kennedy, M. P. P., of New Westminster, paid his annual official visit to the Pythian lodges at a joint meeting of the societies in the Castle hall last evening. He was entertained at a banquet at the close of business, which included the conferring of the past grand rank on several of the past chancellors.

REV. T. W. HALL of Nanaimo, is to officiate at the Victoria West Methodist church next Sunday at the anniversary services of the church. On the Monday evening following there will be a good old time social reunion, at which an attractive programme will be presented and addresses delivered by Rev, Messrs. Hall, Cleaver, Betts, McCrossan and other local and visiting clergymen.

FORBES HERMANN'S romantic western comedy "The Silent Witness" will be presented by the Pastime amateur theatrical club at A. O. U. W. hall this evening. The cast is a well balanced one and from present indications the company should have an excellent house. Local hits are not forgotten, and the topical song will be in evidence to delight the friend and lover of this innovation in modern stage craft.

MEMBERS of the Valhalla society and their friends, including the Cape Scott delegation of Danes, comfortably filled the society's hall, Broad street, and enjoyed a basket social last evening. Dancing was the principal amusement of the evening, but an odd feature was the auction of baskets in which the ladies brought the refreshments. Each basket contained the name of a young lady, through which the purchaser found his escort during the evening.

THE firemen were last night called out to extinguish a blaze in a house owned by the Victoria Building Society, occupied by Mr. E. C. Edmonds. The alarm was sounded through box 54 at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds had been away from home and it was on their return that the fire was discovered. While Mr. Edmonds immediately set to work on the fire, Mrs. Edmonds turned in the alarm. Not more than $20 worth of damage was done and it is supposed the fire was caused by rats and matches.

THE local W.C.T.U. had a short session yesterday. The majority of the petitions re women's suffrage were also handed in by the committees, and it is expected that Mr. Helmcken will present these petitions to the house on Wednesday next. The petition bears about three thousand signatures, "women of the full age of twenty-one" alone being permitted to sign. The time-worn paragraph as to woman's reluctance to tell her age seems to have been based on nothing after all, for the petition canvassers declare that they have nowhere met with any who objected to signing on the score of youth.

A PROPOSITION for putting the Victoria market to its legitimate use has at last taken form, the seed that was sown by Mr. Watson Clarke at the annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association having fallen into fertile soil. First of all the Fruit Growers' Association discussed it and then the district fruit growers concluded that they were the best qualified to carry the co-operation project into satisfactory execution. They have accordingly secured from the city the right to use four of the best located stalls from May to December, and, in conjunction with the Fruit Growers' Exchange, will endeavor to deal at a profit direct with the consumer throughout the fruit season.

TO-NIGHT'S lecture in the Sir William Wallace hall under the auspices of that society is more than ordinarily deserving of public patronage and appreciation. The subject is British Columbia and Its Mines, and the lecturer is the man best of all qualified to discuss this important topic—Mr. W. A. Carlyle, the provincial mineralogist. He has given much time and close attention to the perfection of his review of British Columbia's mineral wealth, and his address will obtain added interest from the fact that it will be illustrated by means of lime-light views (kindly loaned by Mr. Laing for the occasion) descriptive of the famous Kootenay country and its best known mines, as well as pictures of other sections of the province inseparable from any reference to its mining resources.

Hungarian flour, $1.35 per sack at Johns Bros., Douglas street. x

THE SALMON OUTPUT.

An Approximation of What This Year's Fleet Will Carry—Early Preparations.

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Unprecedentedly extensive are the preparations now being made for exporting this year's salmon pack to the English markets. Never before in the history of the industry has such preliminary work been done. Indeed, some shippers are weighing in their minds the prudence of the steps they have taken in view of the possibility of gathering together a quantity of tonnage for a product of unknown dimensions to engage it, even though present rates are very reasonable. The number of new canneries which will be in operation this year has offered encouragement to shippers, and they have been prompted to prepare for a large pack despite the possibilities of a poor season. A fleet of eight vessels was published in the COLONIST a few days ago as having been chartered for the English salmon service, but this tonnage has since been increased by a vessel of 1,563 tons—the Swedish ship Lady Lina now on her way from Australia to load on account of Robert Ward & Co. The total tonnage of the nine vessels is 12,298 tons, and allowing the ordinary estimate to be made the carrying capacity of the fleet would be one and a half times this amount. Reckoning 30 cases of salmon to the ton—the standard estimate—the fleet will be able to load in the neighborhood of 553,410 cases, a greater quantity of salmon than was shipped by water in 1896, which was considered an exceptionally successful year. It is yet early for more vessels to be added to the fleet of '97, but taking the 553,410 cases at $5 per case the return to the province from its salmon fisheries alone is expected to exceed twenty-seven hundred thousand dollars, making no allowance for what is generally shipped by rail and to the islands of the Southern Pacific.

FIGHTING FOR STEAMSHIP LINES.

Fully awake to the interests of this port, Mr. F. C. Davidge, the Pacific coast manager of the O. R. and N. steamship line, is allowing no opportunity to slip that would in any way add to the commercial prestige of Victoria. His plan to extend his steamship connections by a direct monthly service to Central America, submitted to the board of trade and referred to in the report of a recent meeting of that body, he is following up in a practical way and to-day sends his representative to Ottawa, Captain Yates, a gentleman who is well posted in marine affairs, to lay his scheme before the Dominion Government with the object of obtaining its support. Mr. Davidge would himself go to the capital had he the time at his disposal, but he has other important business at home or at least in San Francisco requiring his immediate attention. He has been watching the movements of Mr. Asano, the Japanese steamship representative, who is now visiting this continent, and, with the expectation of meeting him in San Francisco, he leaves for the Bay City this evening. There are three big railroad corporations pulling for connection with the proposed new Japanese line, of which Mr. Asano is a promoter. These are the O. R. & N., in which Mr. Davidge is interested, the Southern Pacific, and the Santa Fe lines. Representatives of each of these will hold a conference with Mr. Asano at San Francisco, and it is Mr. Davidge's intention to make his pull effective, if possible. What port of call will be made American headquarters of the new line will depend on the result of this meeting; but, if Mr. Davidge gets his way, Victoria will be connected to the degree of being the first call station. The Japanese line will be composed of three modern vessels, which are now building in England under O. R. & N. supervision, at a cost of over £90,000. Should they come this way, Portland will probably be made their Pacific coast headquarters, and their movements will be governed under regulations similar to those which now control the O. R. & N. liners.

LUMBER FOR JAPAN.

The Victoria agents of the Chemainus mills say they have not received any portion of a Japanese lumber order to fill, as reported in an article reprinted from the Seattle Press-Times yesterday morning. The mill could not handle such an order, even if accepted, for several months to come, as from present demands from China, Australia, and Europe, it has business enough ahead to keep it running night and day for that length of time. No one in the lumber business in Victoria appears to have heard of the large order referred to although all consider that the wants of Japan are enormous. The steamship Eva is now at Moodyville loading, but she is the most recent charter for Japan. It is stated unauthoritatively that the Pacific Export Lumber Company at Portland is seeking to fill an order for 2,000,000 feet, and it may have been this that the Press-Times has heard of. The great demand for lumber in Japan is due to the vast amount of water front improvements now going on there.

SATISFIED WITH RESULTS.

Judge Burke of Seattle, who is connected with the Great Northern railway, in an interview recently said that trade by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line of steamships is increasing wonderfully. He said: "Captain Griffiths informs me that the Japanese company is delighted and surprised at the showing. Our next steamer will bring a tremendous cargo of the new tea crop and our first 'tea train' will start across the continent immediately upon its delivery.

MARINE NOTES.

Several changes in the staff will shortly take place in the engine room of the Empress of India.

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Str. Charmer	from	Vancouver.
" City of Kingston	"	Port Townsend.
" Rosalie	"	" "
" Princess Louise	"	N. Westminster.
" Evangel	"	Port Angeles.

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HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

"It may seem strange," said Mr. D. R. Ker of the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., yesterday, "but hay and straw are now being shipped into Saanich and other agricultural districts almost every day. This state of things has been brought about by the fact that the hay crop this year was somewhat smaller than usual and that cattlemen had to start feeding their stock earlier last fall than ordinarily, owing to the weather. Although the crop of hay per acre was quite up to the average, a smaller acreage was sown to hay owing to the fact that large tracts of meadows were broken up and oats and other grains grown instead. As a result we have not had to import a single pound of oats this year, a thing that I have never known to happen in any other year since I have been in business—in fact I think this is the first time it has happened in the history of the province.

"Cattle men up country are in a particularly bad way, and it is stated that unless a thaw sets in fully fifty per cent. of the cattle will be dead from starvation. Hardly a rancher has a ton of feed left, owing to the exceptionally long spell of cold weather and heavy snowfall.

"Mr. Allan Cameron, district freight agent of the C.P.R., in a discussion of the rates on cattle to the coast and the Kootenay towns, which he recently had with the board of trade of Kamloops, promised to make a specially low emergency rate on hay for the benefit of the cattle men whose stocks are dying of starvation.

"As an instance of what this means I may state that our firm has within the past ten days shipped eight carloads of hay into the interior, in addition to fifteen carloads which have been sent into the Kootenay, and although the visible supply of hay is still ample to meet all probable demands, the price of that commodity is bound to go up very considerably.

S. Maclure arrived home yesterday after an absence of six weeks, which time he has spent in travelling through the United States and Eastern Canada for the purpose of renewing old acquaintances and gathering fresh inspiration in the world of art. Mr. Maclure while east visited all the principal public art galleries, and had the pleasure of inspecting many gems of art in some of the great private collections of the merchant princes of Philadelphia, New York and Boston. These include some of the finest examples of the old masters upon the American continent, and it is needless to say that the opportunity of looking at these priceless pictures was a privilege that was thoroughly appreciated by Mr. Maclure, who is himself an artist of no mean abilities.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

THURSDAY, March 18.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock.

Prayers by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition from the corporation of Westminster asking that certain clauses which had been struck out of the municipal act last year be restored.

The private bills committee reported "that, in consequence of bill 45, the Water Privileges and Power bill not having yet passed through the house, your committee is of opinion that the time limited for reporting bills should be extended for one week from March 22d and that the rules of the house be suspended for that purpose and your committee beg to recommend the same accordingly."

The report was received, and the rules being suspended, the report was adopted.

Hon. G. B. Martin presented a return in regard to the various leases held by the Sayward Mill and Timber Company, showing the amount paid for rental to be $2,310, and the amount due December 31, 1896, to be $6,463. The royalties have all been paid, and the government have no other claims against the company.

Mr. Helmcken moved, seconded by Major Mutter, for copies of all documents and correspondence connected with the recent visit of Officer McKenna to Nitinat, together with a copy of that officer's report theron.

Mr. Helmcken said he moved the resolution as Rev. Mr. Stone was afraid that there was something in the report reflecting on his character. If not he did not wish to press the resolution.

The hon. the attorney-general remarked that the report was in the nature of a confidential report to a superior officer, and it would be quite proper to refuse to produce it. At the same time, having seen the report, he could say that it did not reflect on Rev. Mr. Stone.

Mr. Helmcken, with the consent of the house, then withdrew the resolution.

Mr. McGregor asked the Attorney-General—What action does the government intend to take with reference to the appeal from the recent decision of the Supreme court re the Coal Mines Regulation Act?

Hon. D. M. Eberts replied:

The government intend to appear and contend in favor of the constitutionality of the act.

Mr. Irving asked the Attorney-General—Has the Dominion government any jurisdiction as to fishery matters in the inland waters and non-navigable streams of this province, and do the fishery regulations for British Columbia, unless enacted by the Dominion parliament, apply to the above mentioned waters of this province?

Hon. D. M. Eberts replied:

The whole question is now before the Privy Council on appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Booth moved the second reading of the Rural Liquor License bill to make more definite the regulations to be complied with in applying for a license in rural municipalities.

The bill was read a second time.

FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES.

The house went into committee of the whole on Mr. Kennedy's Fire Insurance Policy Amendment bill. Mr. Forster in the chair.

Mr. Rithet spoke in opposition to the bill and a discussion followed on the same lines as during the second reading on the previous day.

The bill read:

"If any fire insurance company, through an agent or otherwise, issues a policy on a building, or on machinery or fixtures, and continues from time to time to accept the premium on such policy, the said fire insurance company, in the event of the destruction by fire of such building, machinery or fixtures, shall notwithstanding anything contained in the 'Fire Insurance Policy Act, 1893,' or amendments thereto, pay the full amount of such policy, unless fraudulent mis-statements by the insured, the truth of which the company, or its agent, had no means of verifying, can be shown by the company."

After some discussion Mr. Williams moved to amend the section to the effect that if after a fire the value of the property destroyed did not represent the amount of the policy on which the premium was paid, the company on the adjustment of the loss if the fraud was proven should refund the difference between the premium that they actually received and the premium that would have been paid on the actual value of the property.

This amendment did not meet with favor from either the friends or opponents of the bill and it was lost.

Mr. Kellie moved that section 2 be struck out. As clause 2 practically composed the bill this would have killed it altogether. This motion was lost, but the bill was killed immediately after by the committee agreeing to the motion by Mr. Rithet, to rise without reporting.

CHINESE LABORERS.

Mr. Adams moved the second reading of his "Chinese Laborer's Bill," which in effect prohibits persons obtaining privileges in private bills passed by the house from employing Chinese on their works. There were a great many people now coming into the province, he argued, and the passage of his bill would have the effect of giving any employment available to the white man.

Dr. Walkem supported the bill briefly.

Hon. C. E. Pooley, in opposing the bill, said it was very illiberal and would have a bad effect upon the province. If there was no money in the province, how were the very men who it was sought to protect to get work. Let it be known that capital was going to be hampered by such a bill and it would hurt the very people in the way he mentioned.

Mr. Foster maintained that it was a worn-out idea that the coming of Chinese to the province was necessary to its development. He considered that the best interests of the province would be conserved by keeping out not only Chinese, but Japanese as well. The employment of Chinese might result for a while in the benefit of the employer of labor, but it would only be a question of a few years when the Chinese would themselves oust the white employers of labor. He was sure that the Imperial Government would not interfere if we kept out Chinese and Japs altogether, for it was to the advantage to the future greatness of the Empire that a white population should be built up on this coast. He held too that the introduction of a class of labor without a vote could not be maintained without evil results.

Hon. Col. Baker in reference to the last contention of Mr. Forster, said that such an amendment could only mean that no foreigner should be allowed to work in the province. He held that if this province was ever to succeed the trade with China and Japan should be built up. This trade would give employment to a very large number of men and ships. If this present bill was passed it would mean that next year a bill would be brought in to stop Italians from working and then would come another bill to prevent Frenchmen from working and so on.

Mr. Macpherson held that the importation of Chinese would result in lowering the standard of the white laborer.

Mr. Kidd supported the bill, holding that the British race had a prior right to this country, and the people of to-day ought to care for the future of the race.

Mr. Kellie not only expressed his own opinion but that of 20,000 people in Kootenay, when he said that the passage of this bill would meet with universal approval. It was not fair to place white men in competition with Chinese who could live on 10 cents a day as well as a white man could on 75 cents or a dollar.

Mr. Kennedy for once agreed with the member from Northwest Kootenay, and supported the bill along the same lines.

Hon. Mr. Pooley, in explanation, said he never advocated the introduction of Chinese and honorable gentlemen had been systematically misquoting him. What he did say was that the passage of a bill of this kind would tend to prevent the introduction of capital into the province.

The second reading was carried on division by 21 to 8.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Mr. Rithet presented a petition from the local Council of Women asking that provision be made in the municipal act giving municipalities power to have a curfew bell for children.

This was referred to the special committee on the municipal bill amendments.

The Attorney-General moved that a committee composed of Messrs. Booth, Helmcken, McGregor, Sword and Kidd be a special committee to whom should be referred the municipal elections act amendment and other matters referring to the municipal act.

This was carried.

THE TORRENS SYSTEM.

Dr. Walkem continued the debate on Mr. Cotton's motion that the government should take into consideration the Torrens system of land registration, and of doing away with the mortgage tax.

Mr. Williams was in favor of the resolution following on the lines used by Mr. Cotton the other day.

Hon. Mr. Turner in moving the adjournment of the debate remarked in reply to Mr. Williams that the cost of the introduction of the Torrens system would be very great. The resolution spoke of relieving the farmer, but said not a word about the business men. The then member from Vancouver (Mr. Cotton) had claimed that the farmer was so handicapped by the mortgage tax that he could not compete with the farmers on the United States side, but it was absurd to say that by having to pay $3 or $4 a year a farmer had his business ruined. The real trouble was that people had borrowed too freely and he was not sure that if money were harder to borrow it would not be a good thing in a measure. The Premier pointed out that if the personal tax were done away with some other tax would have to be imposed and he did not think that the farmer would swallow this resolution. The farmers asked for bread, and here was Mr. Cotton offering to relieve them by giving them a stone in the shape of the Torrens Act.

The debate was then adjourned and the house adjourned.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.

By Mr. Hume—To ask how much has the C.P.R. contributed to the construction of sewers in Nelson?

By Mr. Kellie—To ask the Provincial Secretary on Wednesday what steps, if any, have been taken in relation to the resolution of the house passed on April 9, 1896, requesting that the Dominion government be informed of the necessity of placing the Yukon country under more effective government control.

ALDERMANIC QUALIFICATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR:—The letter in your issue of to-day on this subject is well timed, and I was greatly in hopes that the bill introduced by Mr. Sword in amendment of the municipal elections act would have dealt with the matter. It is generally considered that section 13, sub-section 6, of the Municipal Clauses Act, 1896, disqualifying the more enterprising portion of the community, should be amended, and I would commend it to the careful consideration of our legal member, Mr. Helmcken, as being invidious and unnecessary.

The qualifications of primary importance are business intelligence, a clear, reasoning mind, and a knowledge gained by experience of local requirements. No amount of real estate, whether acquired or inherited, gives any evidence of these necessary qualifications, and, indeed, too often the reverse, for a narrow-minded man will study his own interests, as he sees them, before the public good or progress of the city.

I would, therefore, support your correspondent in the abolition of the vexatious and discriminating real estate qualification, and require the candidate to be simply a British subject and a resident ratepayer of not less than three years standing, to ensure the requisite local knowledge and experience.

RATEPAYER.

Victoria, March 17, 1897.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE HOUSE

TO THE EDITOR:—It would greatly simplify the discussion on the moot question of the crown and the house if W. J. McD., who writes you on the subject, would produce his authority for his statements. I have searched "May" and "Bourinot" and am unable to find a single precedent to bear out the assertion that in the absence of "Mr. Speaker" the Governor may open the house and proceed with business before another Speaker is appointed. As a matter of fact and precedent I think His Honor can do nothing of the kind. If he can do so, will W. J. McD. point me to the passage of the book from which he quotes?. W. WYMOND WALKEM.

English garden syringes at Cheapside.*

A CASE OF CONSCIENCE.

How a Victorian Attoned for a Petty Wrong Done Years Ago.

The subjoined is from the Leicester, Eng., Post:

The following letter, which has been received by the mayor, has been forwarded to us for publication by his worship, who informs us that he has paid the amount (4s.) into the unemployed fund, as he feels that in this direction the wishes of the writer of the letter would be best met:

"VICTORIA, B.C., Canada,
"February 4, 1897.

"*To the Mayor of Leicester:*

"DEAR SIR:—About sixteen (16) years ago, when the frost went down to zero, I was at Leicester, without employment, living on one shilling and sixpence per week; and being very much against asking for relief I was tempted to, and did, take from shops two (2) or three (3) small loaves of bread, and one (1) small piece of bacon; to help nature preserve my life. Since that time I have wished many times to make compensation to those from whom I took the articles, but could not see how I could carry that out. At last I have decided to send the one (1) dollar bill to you, leaving it to your judgment as to the disposal of the same and trusting that God will forgive me, and accept my offer therefor.

"Now, dear sir, not wishing to give my name, how shall I know that this is received and accepted? There seems to me to be only one way, and that is if you communicate the matter to any newspaper, and it is printed, that you will have the great kindness to mail a marked copy to the 'Colonist' newspaper of this city, and oblige, yours truly, (in)

"ANTICIPATION."

The Post editorially comments on the above letter as follows:

The "short and simple annals of the poor" contain many inexpressibly touching passages. But there are few more pathetic than the one embodied in the probably unique confession which has reached the mayor of Leicester this week from some anonymous correspondent in Canada. Sixteen years ago he seems to have been one of the most necessitous and poverty stricken "out-of-works" in our own borough. That the poor fellow was really reduced to desperate straits in order to maintain a terribly unequal battle against grim and gaunt want is evident from the two circumstances which are still indelibly impressed in his memory. One is that this unfortunate victim of compulsory idleness had to attempt the task of making ends meet on a pitiful eighteenpence a week. Another is that finding it impossible to overcome his rooted dislike to ask for relief, he was driven to steal the necessaries of life; but only, he explains, to the extent of the two or three small loaves and the piece of bacon needed to keep body and soul together in a brief but acute emergency. Many would have long ago forgotten the incident altogether, or recalled it only to realize that the trifling breach of the law must have been more than justified by the irresistible pangs of hunger. But the conscience of the unfortunate man has been cast in a tenderer and finer mould than this. The consequence is that though no less than sixteen years have passed away since the sadly memorable incident, it has never allowed the victim of our hard times to rest, and has at last impelled him to make some restitution for the wrong to which he was driven by the direst need. The compensation has taken the form of the dollar bill, which has now reached the major and which he has very judiciously transferred to the Unemployed fund—to the fund designed to help the poor fellows, who, like this honest and conscientious Canadian, have found it increasingly difficult to keep the "wolf from the door." Now, however, that he has forwarded his small contribution by way of "conscience money," there can be only a single conviction. It is that he himself will benefit even more by the restitution than its eventual recipient, and that he conspicuously deserves to be safeguarded against any renewal of the bitter pinch of poverty until his dying day.

THE funeral of the late Alexander Hill took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence on Burns avenue, many sympathizing friends attending. Rev. R. W. Trotter conducted very impressive religious ceremonies both at the residence and at the final resting place in Ross Bay cemetery, while the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Grimm, Robertson, Daker, Pointer, Hancock and Argyle.

TICKETS are out for the Victoria Choral Union concert, to be held on April 7 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, which has been generously placed at the disposal of the society. The programme has not yet been announced, but it is understood to consist of selections from the best known oratorios and other sacred works, varied by solos both for voice and organ. Tickets may be obtained at the music stores or from members of the Choral Union.

As the Ladies' Auxiliary have undertaken to raise funds sufficient for the erection of a childrens' ward at the Jubilee hospital to commemorate Her Majesty's diamond jubilee reign, subscriptions have been opened and it is hoped all who are interested in the work and wish to assist will communicate with Mrs. A. J. Smith, 16 Superior street, the president, or with Mr. H. M. Yates, 47 Langley street, secretary and treasurer. The ladies do not wish to make this work a burden to anyone, but all subscriptions, no matter how small, will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged. A first subscription has been received from Mr. Dunsmuir, who starts the good movement with a contribution to the funds of $50.

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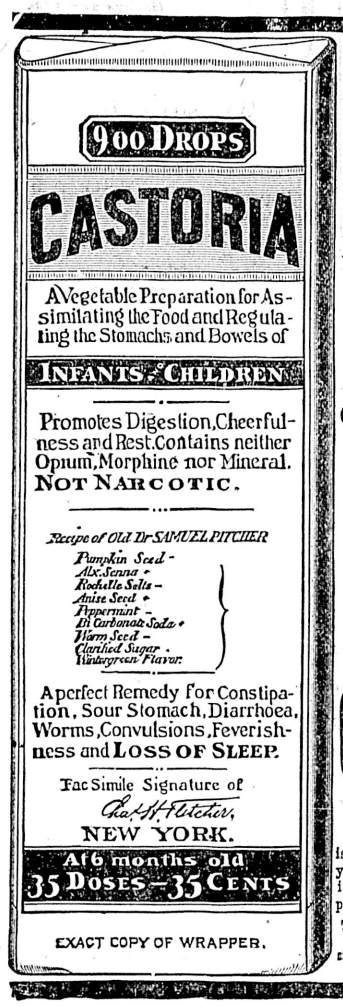

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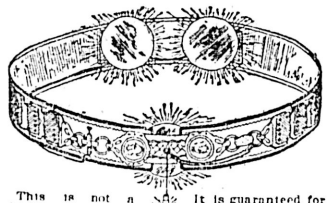

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Four locomotives, each weighing ninety-three tons, without counting the tender which weighs thirteen tons extra, are being built at Schenectady, N. Y., for the Northern Pacific Railrord. The mammoth machines are what are known as two cylinder compound twelve-wheel locomotives. They are not regular road engines, but are for service as helpers for freight trains in the Rocky Mountains, where they will be coupled on ahead of the trains and not used as pushers. They are provided with eight driving wheels and four truck wheels. The cylinders have the exceptionally great stroke of thirty inches and the boiler is six feet in diameter at its smallest ring. The total length of engine and tender is sixty-two feet one inch.

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—local testimonials. x

NOTICE.

A special General meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum and Mineral Co., Limited Liability, will be held at the Company's offices, 45 Fort St. in the city of Victoria, B. C., on Monday the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1879, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon to confirm certain agreements made for and on behalf of the Company and to authorize the Directors to sell the assets of the Company to the Crow's Nest Coal Company for fully paid up shares in said Crow's Nest Coal Company.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1897.

F. B. PEMBERTON,
fe28 Secretary.

NOTICE.

The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act authorizing it to issue bonds to the extent of thirty thousand dollars per mile of its railway including an extension from its eastern terminus in an easterly direction to MacLeod or to a point on the line of the Calgary and MacLeod Railway and thence easterly to Lethbridge, and to make such agreements for conveying or leasing the Company's railway and its rights and powers as is usually given to railway companies in their acts of incorporation, and for other purposes.

GEMMILL & MAY,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Ottawa, 20th January, 1897. ja28

NOTICE is hereby given that the British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session, for an act to declare the said British Columbia Southern Railway Company to be a body corporate and politic within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, and the company's railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, also to authorize the extension of the line of the said railway from its eastern terminus in the Crow's Nest Pass, across and over the eastern boundary of British Columbia, into the Province of Alberta, thence in an easterly direction to MacLeod, or to a point on the line of the Calgary and MacLeod railway, and there to connect with the same, and thence easterly to Lethbridge.

GEMMILL & MAY,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Ottawa, 18th September, 1896. ja28

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TENDERS.

Tenders for Carbons, Globes and Oil.

Tenders, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 4 o'clock of Monday, the 29th inst., for supply to the Corporation of the City of Victoria of

50,000 Copper Coated Carbons, 5/8x12.
30,000 Plain Carbons, 7-16x12.
20,000 Plain Carbons, 7-16x8.
2 Dozen Opal Globes.
18 Dozen Clear Arc Globes.
Cylinder Oil per Imperial gallon in barrels as required.
Dynamo Oil per Imperial gallon in barrels as required.

All the above articles to be supplied and delivered in accordance with specifications and conditions, which may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation.
City Hall, Victoria, B.C., March 17th, 1897. mr18

Tenders for Lumber and Nails.

Tenders will be received up to 4 o'clock p.m. of Monday, the 22nd inst., for the supply of Lumber and Nails, at so much per 1,000 feet, and per keg respectively.

Goods to be delivered when and where required, within the city limits, during the year 1897, in accordance with specifications to be seen at the office of the undersigned, to whom the tenders must be addressed.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation.
City Hall, Victoria, B.C., March 16th, 1897. mr17

NOTICE.

Bids for the Purchase of the German Bark Potrimpos,

Includes vessel, standing rigging, one suit of sails and furniture. Now stranded on the beach north of the Columbia river, will be received at the office of Loyd's Agency, Astoria, Oregon.

Bids will be opened at 11 a.m. of the 6th April, 1897. P. L. CHERRY, Lloyd's Agent.
Astoria, Oregon, 15th March, 1897. mr1

PROPERTY FOR SALE.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to Monday, the 29th day of March, for the purchase of the following property situate in Victoria District, being part of Oakland Estate, known as Lots 48 and 49, portions of Section 29, containing 6.03 acres. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For further particulars apply to

PEMBERTON & SON,
mr17 Victoria, B.C.

Tenders will be received at H. M. Naval Yard Esquimalt on behalf of the Crown, until noon of Saturday, the 20th March, 1897 for the purchase of the confiscated sealing schooners "Beatrice" and "Viva," now lying in Esquimalt harbor with their equipment as they now stand, of masts, sails, rigging, cables, anchors, boats, etc., etc.

The schooners may be viewed on application to the chief boatswain, Esquimalt yard, and tenders must be addressed to the naval storekeeper endorsed "Tenders for Sealing Schooners."

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order of the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.
Esquimalt Yard, March 6th, 1897.

VALUABLE • FARM • PROPERTY FOR SALE.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to the 20th day of March, 1897, for the purchase of Sunnyside Farm, consisting of 1,300 acres more or less, about 300 acres of which are under cultivation. The said farm lies on the west side of the Fraser river, about thirty miles from the town of Quesnelle, Cariboo district, and is at the door of the Cariboo gold mines market. The farm is well supplied with water for irrigation purposes. In connection with it and forming part thereof, is offered 400 acres of meadow land, situate about fifteen miles west of the main body of the farm in Chilcotin.

On the said farm are about 600 cattle of all ages, and about 80 horses, besides a full equipment of the latest farming machinery, including mowers, self-binder, thresher, etc., etc., all of which are to be sold therewith. Good dwelling houses, outhouses, stables, etc., are on the premises.

The title is Crown Grant.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned. D. MURPHY,
47 Langley St., Victoria,
fg21 Solicitor for the Owners.

NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within Victoria City, South Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts, North Saanich, Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino, Coast and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, with parts of Barclay and Clayoquot Districts assessed by me, are payable at my office.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.
Three quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.
Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1897:
Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.
One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.
Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.
Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.
Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita (residents of Victoria City excepted.)

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Assessor and Collector.
January 2nd 1897. ja12

THE SERENE GODDESS.

She walks in serene calm; imperious tides
That stir life's shallows cannot stir the deeps
Whose air she breathes; she neither laughs nor weeps;
But, through God's world, where her white soul abides,
She flings a song that on the stillness rides
Like murmuring light, and he who vigil keeps,
Watching the beauty that to cheer us glides
Out of the silence while the black earth sleeps,
Doth love her as she sings, for in that strain
She makes the two diviner natures one
And lifts them both beneath one crown to reign;
The proud radiance of woman, who hath smiled
To see her bidding by her lover done,
She marries to the meekness of a child.
—New York Tribune.

CHANGED SHOES.

Young Viscount Petersfield was remarkable for three things, his intense bashfulness, his indecision of character and his abnormally small hands and feet. On the latter he particularly prided himself.

He was the most eligible of bachelors. Equally, of course, he was being everlastingly stalked by husband hungry mammas and daughters. But they could make nothing of him. Their most sirenic efforts simply frightened him.

But exemption was impossible. He was young, single, a viscount. He had $125,000 a year.

One autumn, three or four years ago, Lord Petersfield went down into Sussex to stay with his friends the Wentwarps, at Wentwarp hall, a very fine old country seat.

For one thing, they understood his character and did not worry him with excessive hospitality. And then, for another, the daughters of the house, Mabel and Maud—very pretty girls, too, by the way—did not run after him or make eyes at him. They were simply friendly and cordial with him.

Now Viscount Petersfield had contracted a deplorable habit of easing his pinched toes by kicking off his pumps during the progress of dinner and only resuming them just before he had to jump up in deference to the rising of the ladies.

He was rather sorry when he saw Lady Wentwarp preparing to make the signal, and he had to feel for his vacant pumps. He found them and got them on in time—phew! Certainly they were abominably tight! They seemed to throw him forward on his toes in a way to which he was not accustomed. Only as the last fair diner swept past him, on her way out, did he realize that his toes were being tortured in a pair of lady's shoes.

They were high heeled, of black satin, with large rosettes and silver buckles. He had no difficulty in recognizing them. They were Mabel Wentwarp's.

Then he saw how it was. An unintentional exchange. The young lady must have kicked off her shoes also, and, meaning to resume them, have unknowingly resumed his instead.

He decided that his best course was to slip away, on some pretext or other, while the gentlemen were still smoking their cigarettes; then to hurry up stairs to his bedroom and exchange the satins for a second pair of pumps, which he had fortunately brought with him.

Having decided on this line of action, he murmured—with a very red face—a few excuses and apologies to his host, and then performed a skillful and speedy exit with so much rapidity as to make it impossible for the black satins to be seen.

Now, as he passed with rapid and nervous stealth along the corridor which led to his room, he happened to notice that one of the bedroom doors on the way stood open. He recognized whose room it was. It was Mabel Wentwarp's. In an instant he had popped them safely inside the door of her room and was proceeding with a lighter heart toward his own apartment at the end of the passage.

On reaching his own room he turned up the gas and was about to hunt out his second pair of pumps from a cupboard when his eyes fell upon his best pair—the pair which Mabel Wentwarp had appropriated—standing in a conspicuous position by his dressing table.

He saw how it was. Miss Mabel, having discovered her mistake, had had the promptness and delicacy to replace them thus in his room. It was certainly most tactful and considerate of her.

When they joined the ladies, Lord Petersfield still, however, felt rather nervous in case any of the fair guests might have shared Miss Mabel's discovery about the exchange of shoes. But he was soon set free from anxiety on this point by Miss Wentwarp herself, who, taking the opportunity to approach him as he stood for a moment alone, murmured, with a blushing, downcast look:

"I found out our little mistake, Lord Petersfield, and I at once restored your property to your room. Sh! No one knows anything about it. Ah!" (turning her eyes down upon his varnished toes). "I see that you have already reclaimed your own!"

At that moment Julia Slanderson swooped down upon her prey and to his great annoyance forcibly annexed him for the rest of the evening.

Next morning after breakfast the unfortunate viscount noticed that this persistent young lady was still hovering on the pounce. He evaded her at the expense of some skill, and slipped off into the dampest and most secluded portion of the garden to enjoy his cigar alone.

Mabel Wentwarp startled him by suddenly appearing at his side. Her face was white and distressful. Her eyes, he noticed, where bright with unshed tears.

"Oh, Lord Petersfield," she exclaimed, "forgive my intrusion, but I saw you come out, and I have followed you, because I—I—have something I—I—must tell you."

"I—I—trust there is nothing the matter!" remarked his lordship, looking embarrassed and conscious of a vague sense of alarm.

"I—I—cannot deceive you. A great deal is the matter. And—it has all arisen out of our—our—foolish mistake last night. I—I—have just had a dr-dreadful interview with—that—that—odious Lady Slanderson!"

"The de— Oh, I beg your pardon. But—but—do you mean to say that she discovered ou—our—mistake?"

"She—she—thinks that she has found out some—something dr-dreadful about us."

And poor Mabel, unable to restrain her feelings any longer, began to sob.

"Oh, dear! Pr-ray don't distress yourself, Miss Wentwarp."

"Oh, Lord Petersfield, I—I—don't know how I shall tell you the—the shameful things Lady Slanderson said to me. But—but—in justice to you, as well as to myself, I must. It—it seems that she was up stairs last night at—at a most unfortunate moment, and that—that—she saw me sl-slip out of your room—without my shoes on!"

"Good heavens!" gasped his lordship in a tone of evident dismay. "What a"—

"And also," Mabel went on hurriedly as if anxious to finish her painful disclosure, "she waited up there, spying in the dark, and saw you slip out of my room without your shoes on!"

"But, surely," began Lord Petersfield.

"I—I—told her the truth," interposed the girl. "I explained everything She—she—scoffed at my version. She said she would—would—publish the scandal to the four winds of heaven. Oh, Lord Petersfield, what is to be done?"

"But, surely," stammered Lord Petersfield, who was naturally in a great state of mind, "people will accept our version rather than that of this vile scandal monger!"

"Alas," sobbed Mabel, "I wish I thought so! You see, Lord Petersfield, I cannot help recognizing the very unfortunate state of appearances. She will say that if—if—we had—any—anything to conceal we should, of course, be ready with an explanation, and that even at that our explanation is lame and improbable. Besides she will enlarge and exaggerate and—and tell—falsehoods, until—oh, I had rather have died than have had this happen!"

The viscount was silent for a minute. A sudden idea, born of the circumstances, had flashed across his mind. He had never thought of Mabel in this light before. He would not have done so now unless the situation had forced it on him, but as he looked at her pretty, woeful face he realized that it was not such an unwelcome light in which to think of her after all.

"My—my—dear Miss Mabel, I—I—might, for all that Lady Slanderson knows to the contrary, have—have—acquired the right to—to—take your—your—slippers to your room."

"I—I—what do you mean, Lord Petersfield?"

"Why," replied his lordship, blushing and stammering, "if I were—were—engaged to be married to you, Miss Mabel, it w-would make a—a—difference—wouldn't it?"

"Oh, no, Lord Petersfield! Not that, not that," she cried, starting away.

"Couldn't you s-stand me at—at—any price, then?" gasped the viscount, painfully mortified.

"Oh, yes! It—it was not that. I should—I mean I could not let you s-sacrifice yourself to—to—save my reputation."

"It wouldn't be much of a sacrifice," said his lordship. "Do you know, I am rather glad now that this—this—unfortunate situation has opened my eyes? It—it—shows me something I didn't realize before. I—I—oh, Mabel, will you?"

"He is a noble man, mamma," said the newly engaged girl to her mother a few hours later. "He—he—says he didn't realize that he loved me till this morning. And I did not realize that—that—I loved him. If I had, I would n-never have played that horrid practical joke upon him about his—his pumps. But when he—he—sp-poke to me I knew in a moment that—that—I did love him. You will—will—never tell him that I meant it originally for a stupid hoax, will you, mamma dear?"

"Don't be afraid of that, Mab. Your old mother will not give you away. It was a risky sort of joke, wasn't it, though it has had the happiest results, as it seems to have opened both your eyes?"—London Truth.

Cant Regarding Stage Setting.

We hear a great deal of cant talked by those who insist that the ideal stage setting should be a green baize, whose decoration should consist of placards inscribed, "This is a street," "This is a house," "This is heaven." In all this there seems to me something of affectation. If Shakespeare's poetry could be better or more reverently illustrated by such means, I would say, "Take away those baubles of scenery, of costume and of archaelogical accessories." It was all very well for David Garrick to appear in a powdered tie wig, a Georgian coat and silk stockings when he was impersonating the Thane of Cawdor, but he created the effect (which undoubtedly he did create) not by virtue of the incorrectness of his costume, but in spite of it. The greater knowledge of historical periods possessed by our theater goers of today, the increased sense of humor, the demand for luxury, require general and detailed illusion in the appointments of the stage, and to deny it to theater goers is to be affectedly superior to one's age and belated in the movements of the time. Every artist uses the material which his generation places at his disposal. If the painter lacked paint and canvas, he would content himself with the flagstone and a piece of chalk; if the musician lacked a Stradivarius, he would still be returning to the old tooth comb. But why complain of the canvas, and the paint, and the Stradivarius? The increase of picturesqueness in all the arts, the complete revolution in taste as regards house decoration, the greater cultivation of the eye—all these have tended to what has been contemptuously called the millinery of the drama.—Beerbohm Tree in North American Review.

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AN APPLICATION Is now pending to the Provincial Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and notices given of two separate Private Bills for Water, Electric Light and Power Companies, also Telephone, Water, etc. All in connection with and to supply the Town of Grand Forks and Suburbs.

LOTS OF 25X120 FEET Are now selling in the Townsite as at present laid out at prices from **$250 to $550.** These lots run about 14 to the acre.

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OF THE FUTURE PROSPECTS Of the District, but few words are necessary. Three Lines of Railway are projected to and through this property. The Spokane Falls & Northern are reported to be ready to build in the spring; the Columbia & Western Line, as may be seen at the Lands and Works Office, is projected through the land; The People's Line from the Coast also passes this point, and the C.P.R. Surveyors have run lines through the land during the past year.

A POWERFUL MINING & SMELTING CO. Report their intention of building a **500-Ton Smelter** in the close proximity of this land, and the owners have been applied to for a site for this purpose. Such an industry is warranted from the fact that the Great Volcanic Mine, said to be the largest deposit of copper gold ore now known, purposes to smelt the product of their mine at this point. The Projected Roads make it the most convenient receiving and shipping point, and a leading Bank is said to be about to open an Agency, as the employment of the requiaed labor will circulate a no small sum of money each month.

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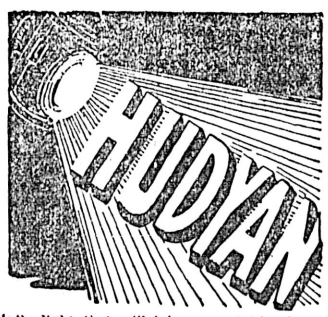

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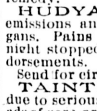

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NOTICES.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its present sitting, for a private bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia; with power to construct, maintain and operate branch lines, and all necessary bridges, ferries and wharves, and to construct, own and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Governments of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges; and also, for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the city of Victoria, British Columbia, this 9th day of March, 1897.

E. E. BILLINGHURST,
Agent for the Applicants.

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Silver Queen Mining Company, Limited Liability.

A special general meeting of the stockholders of the Silver Queen Mining Company, Limited Liability, will be held at the head office of the Company, 64 Yates Street, Victoria, British Columbia, on Thursday, 15th day of April, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of ratifying a resolution passed by the Directors, providing for the sale of all the undertaking and property of the Company to the Montreal-London Gold and Silver Development Company, Limited, to which resolution the Trustees desire the consent of the stockholders, as provided by the By-laws.

15th March, 1897.

W. STRACHAN.
S. H. EWING
FRED. J. CLAXTON.
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Dated the 12th day of February, 1897.

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1 a.m..	36°	Mean 38°	The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m..	36°		5 a.m.—12 S.W.
9 a.m..	40°	Highest 46°	1 p.m.—12 S.E.
1 p.m.	45°		9 p.m.—12 S.
5 p.m..	38	Lowest 34°	Rain—0.12.
9 p.m..	35.		Cloudy.
			Sunshine—5h. 52m.

Barometer 9 a.m... (Observed .....29.655 (Reduced 29.649

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Per steamer CITY OF KINGSTON from the Sound—Miss Hopkins, Mrs Parks, Jas Dunsmuir, J R Miller, R Curry, A M Launier, N Patterson, S McClary, E B Hill, N W Clifton, F W Graves, W Cameron, J Morrison, C Crowe, B Bushman, C H Clower, G J Church, B Loring.

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PERSONAL.

Robert Curry, of Rossland, is a guest at the Queens.

C. B. Hill was a passenger to Victoria by yesterday's City of Kingston.

W. T. Hardaker leaves this morning on a business trip to Wellington.

John E. Hall, of the Chicago Electric Co., Chicago, is at the Dominion.

A. McDonald and R. Chisholm, of Lillooet, are registered at the Dominion.

John and Mrs. Earsman returned yesterday evening from the Terminal City.

James Dunsmuir arrived home from the South by the City of Kingston yesterday.

S. Maclure has returned from an extensive tour of the Eastern and Middle States.

H. K. Prior, of the E. & N. railway, returned last even from the provincial Mainland.

S. M. Okell and wife, F. S. Okell and F. B. Pemberton were passengers home from the Mainland by last night's Charmer.

George Gray and Frank Willis, of Nanaimo, are staying at the Queens for a few days. They will take the Northern Pacific for Denver, Col.

J. D. Marsden is back from a short trip to Spokane and the Slocan country. He reports that the ever-growing activity of the great mining sections is very marked.

Dr. J. D. Helmcken, who recently underwent an operation in St. Joseph's hospital for appendicitis, was able to be up yesterday for the first time, and expects to be well enough in a few days to return home.

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THE HOME HELPERS.

A Meeting at the City Hall Endorses Lady Aberdeen's Diamond Jubilee Idea.

A Central Committee Appointed to Raise Funds to Carry Out the Scheme.

Lady Aberdeen's proposal to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee by instituting the Victorian Order of Home Helpers formed the topic of discussion at the public meeting which the Mayor called at the city hall last night by request of the local Council of Women. There were a number of nice little speeches and some good-natured difference of opinion as to the best method of a Dominion celebration of the jubilee, but all finally resolved into a couple of resolutions endorsing the scheme and forming a central committee to raise the funds.

It was not a very large meeting and the ladies formed the great bulk of the audience, but the Mayor was supported on the platform by the Lieut.-Governor, Hon. J. H. Turner, Bishop Perrin, Bishop Cridge, Hon. Col. Baker and Hon. E. G. Prior, M.P., while in the audience were Sir Henry Crease, Dr. Hanington, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. Canon Padden and a number of other well known citizens. The Mayor, for the benefit of those present, went over the objects of the order which it is proposed to establish to supply competent nurses in the sparsely populated districts of the country, and for which a fund of $1,000,000 was to be raised throughout Canada.

The first resolution was moved by Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and seconded by Bishop Perrin as follows:

"That this meeting heartily approves of the general character of the scheme described as the Victorian Order of Home Helpers as a mode of commemoration by the Dominion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and that a fund be opened for the carrying out thereof."

The million dollars required, he said, seemed a large sum, but though it was an ambitious effort, His Honor believed it could be accomplished. He knew how the lonely settlers in the Northwest, and in the sparsely settled portions of British Columbia, for that matter, would appreciate these helpers.

Granted that there were extreme difficulties to be overcome and that the undertaking was a large one with only a crude idea as yet as to how it was proposed to carry it out, Bishop Perrin had faith in it and accordingly said that he was a cordial seconder to the motion.

Hon. Col. Baker who had lived in the desolate parts of the Rockies far from settlements knew from experience what an inestimable blessing these helpers would be to the settlers especially to the women and consequently he hoped that while this country was justly celebrated for its precious metals it might be yet more celebrated for that most precious jewel—Charity.

A suggestion came from Dr. Hanington at this point in the proceedings that a better scheme might be to raise the million dollars through Canada for clearing off the debt on the hospitals on the line of the scheme brought forward by the Prince of Wales in London.

Nobody was more ready to help the hospital than Sir Henry Crease, but at the same time he thought that a general Dominion scheme of Home Helpers was more appropriate for the jubilee celebration.

Dr. Hanington had the support of Mr. Alexander Wilson in his wish to help the hospital but Bishop Cridge having weighed the different opinions emphatically favored Lady Aberdeen's proposal. It was not a new idea either Mrs. Scaife explained but had been first brought to the attention of the Women's Council a year ago.

The motion was accordingly put and carried unanimously.

A second resolution was moved by Hon. E. G. Prior, M. P., to the effect that a central committee be appointed to arrange plans for raising the funds necessary for carrying out the scheme just adopted. Doctors were all very well, but when it came to nursing he would very much rather have a woman nurse than a medical student to tend him.

The Premier cordially approved of both resolutions and was very pleased to second that moved by Col. Prior. The scheme proposed was singularly appropriate to Her Majesty's reign the Premier felt because it was while she was on the throne that Florence Nightingale began her glorious work and indeed he believed that never before had Great Britain sent out nurses with her army.

The motion having been carried the committee was formed as follows: The Lieut.-Governor, the Mayor, Bishop Perrin, Bishop Cridge, Bishop Lemmens, Rev. Messrs. Clay, Cleaver, McEwan and Harris; Chief Justice Davie, Sir Henry Crease, Dr. Davie, Dr. Jones, Hon. D. W. Higgins, Hon. J. H. Turner, Col. Baker, Hon. E. G. Prior, M.P.; Thomas Earle, M.P.; Senators Macdonald and McInnes; Messrs. A. A. Wilson, W. McKay, W. H. Ellis, William Templeman, A. H. Scaife, Mrs. Dewdney, Mrs. Redfern, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Baker and the executive of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Flumerfelt, Mrs. McQuade, Mrs. W. Grant, Mrs. Jenkins, Lady Crease, with power to add to their number.

This being all the business to be disposed of for the present, the meeting adjourned after the Mayor had explained that a public meeting to be called later for a local celebration of the diamond jubilee must not be considered as intended to interfere with the Home Helpers scheme.

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Mr. James Dunsmuir returned yesterday from a short business trip to San Francisco. He brought back with him a gold brick, valued at $520.49, the result of crushing fourteen tons of ore at the Consolidated Alberni mill. This total does not include the gold held in the sulphurets, which will net about $30 per ton of ore. The amalgam was refined by Thos. Price & Sons of San Francisco, and the result cannot be otherwise than highly gratifying as it proves conclusively the great value of Consolidated Alberni ore. A shipment of eight tons went forward the other day per steamer Wellington consigned to the Messrs. Price. This will be thoroughly tested by them and a report made as to average value of the free milling ore and the sulphurets, and also as to the best character of stamp mill suitable for treating the ore. This determined a twenty stamp mill will be erected at the mine, and gold bricks will be common from the Mineral Hill section of Alberni distric.

At the present time over a dozen men are at work sinking a shaft from the surface of the tunnel at the 70-foot level. This shaft will be sunk 100 feet and drifts run from that level. This will demonstrate the continuity of the ore body, and there is little question regarding the result, as the vein is a true fissure. A telegram received yesterday from the mine stated that the ore at a depth of five feet in the new shaft, or seventy-five feet from the surface, was still of the same rich free gold character as that found near the surface.

The result of this trial run of fourteen tons should induce the owners of the surrounding claims to at once begin the development of their properties, for equally as good surface showings are found in many of them. The Alberni ledge has been traced through the Warspite and Last Dollar claims.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE WHEEL.

TO AGITATE FOR GOOD ROADS.

"Good Roads" is to be the watchword of the Victoria Wheelmen's Club during the present season, and the campaign for the betterment of the city thoroughfares will be opened almost immediately. At a meeting of the club executive yesterday evening it was decided to request an early interview with the city council, and to consolidate the efforts of the club first upon having Humboldt street to the park put in good condition. The city will also be asked to rigorously enforce the law which forbids the depositing of broken glass, etc., on the streets, while the club will oppose any suggested legislation in behalf of sidewalk riding.

WHIST.

The match between the Victoria Chess Club and the Arion Club resulted in a draw, each team winning 18. The scores were:

VICTORIA CHESS CLUB.

	Won.	Lost
Capt. Michell and Dr. Garesche...	3	3
A. S. Potts and T. H. Piper.....	5	1
B. J. Perry and H. G. Dalby.....	3	3
P. D. Goepel and P. T. Johnstone.	4	2
J. Bullen, and H. E. Robertson...	2	4
W. Sylvester and C. Sylvester.....	1	5
	18	18

THE ARION CLUB.

	Won.	Lost.
Geo. Jay, jr., and E. H. Russell...	3	3
Wm. Greig and Ross Monro.....	2	4
S. Y. Wooton and B. C. Mess.....	3	3
H. J. Cave and L. B. Willsie.....	2	4
D. D. Muir and W. T. Williams..	5	1
J. Kingham and J. E. Martin....	3	3
	18	18

C. P. R. CHANGES.

Resignation of Mr. Abbott as Superintendent of the Pacific Division—Mr. Marpole His Successor.

VANCOUVER, March 18.—(Special)—Mr. H. Abbott has resigned his position as superintendent of the C.P.R., Pacific division. Mr. Abbott will remain in Vancouver and still be connected with the road in a semi-official capacity. It is rumored that Mr. Marpole will be Mr. Abbott's successor, while Mr. Downie will still retain the position of assistant superintendent.

If the system is fortified by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which makes rich, red blood, there is little danger of sickness.

SAD TALES OF THE SEA.

Wreck of a French West India Liner in Mid-Ocean.

Crew of the Wilson Liner "Rialto" Rescued From an Exploded Wreck.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The steamer Ville de St. Nazaire, belonging to the French line to the West Indies, which sailed from New York March 6 for Port au Prince, Mayaguez, etc., with eighty persons on board, has been lost. She was a bark-rigged screw steamer of 2,640 tons register.

The schooner Hilda, which plies along the coast between Perth Amboy and Savannah, came into port bearing with her a story horrible even in the annals of the Atlantic ocean. She carried in her cabin four passengers whom she had picked up in a boat on Monday, ten miles off shore. Capt. Reims, skipper of the Hilda, first sighted the boat. A boat was lowered, and the chief mate and four seamen jumped into it and rowed to the helpless craft. Four starving, half-idiotic men and four corpses were found in the boat.

The survivors were taken on board the Hilda, but all they could tell was that the Ville de St. Nazaire had somehow been wrecked or abandoned and that these four men were the survivors of those who had taken to the boats, but how many were dead, and how many living remained untold until midnight Tuesday, when Captain Berry, master of the wrecked vessel, the first to recover, was able to gasp out some words of his story:

"Eight—there were more than eight; there were thirty-seven souls on that boat when we abandoned the St. Nazairre. Of all these men and women we four are the only ones left alive. The others starved or froze where they sat. They died in all ways. They sank, dropped off one one one, except where they went mad and then some jumped into the sea and ended in that way.

"The men were quiet until they saw the women die; then they seemed all at once to get raving, stark mad. All are here now. One, my comrade, Dr. Maire, Stants, our engineer, and Tagardi, the first mate. That's all I can tell now." But with the hours the old man gradually grew stronger and able to talk with something like coherency and clearness. Dr. Maire, too, recovered his speech and strength enough to talk.

The Allan liner Carthaginian arrived this morning from Glasgow with the rescued crew of the Wilson line steamer Rialto, which took fire and was abandoned on March 5th in latitude 51:23, longitude 22:45. The Rialto was bound from Newcastle to this port, loaded with a general cargo, including a quantity of chemicals. She left port on February 21, experienced strong westerly gales, gradually increasing in violence until March 3, when a veritable hurricane was blowing.

At six o'clock in the morning a terrific explosion in the forehold blew the hatch covers into the air, killing one seamen and injuring the first mate. Dense columns of thick yellow smoke poured out of the open hatch and a choking, penetrating odor pervaded the ship. The crew were at once called to fire quarters, hose was stretched and the pumps started. It was necessary to batten down the hatch to prevent the fire having full vent.

Meanwhile the ship was wallowing in mountainous seas, occasionally being buried under a giant comber. The lifeboats were smashed by the seas, and the crew saw death staring them in the face. All hands worked desperately, but in spite of all efforts the fire seemed to gain headway steadily.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the Carthaginian was sighted. In reply to signals she promised to stand by until the weather moderated sufficiently to permit the boats to be lowered. The Rialto men did not relax their efforts to subdue the fire, but the fire steadily crept further into the cargo, and the decks and plates grew hotter and hotter.

For forty hours, or until early on the morning of the fifth, the Allan liner stood by, when the weather moderated enough to make it possible for a lifeboat to live. As the Rialto's boats were all gone Captain France, of the Carthaginian, ordered their own boats manned, and after a great struggle the entire crew were taken off without any mishap.

Captain Rippeth said that when abandoned the Rialto's plates seemed to be gaping and fifteen feet of water was in the main hold, so that sinking was only a matter of a few hours. The rescued crew saved none of their effects. The Rialto was built in 1878 in Hull, England; was 310 feet long and 1,799 tons burden; owned by Thomas Wilson Sons & Co.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

In the debate yesterday in the Reichstag on the naval estimates, Prince Hohenlohe, Imperial chancellor, declared that the necessity Germany would have for a fleet was generally recognized, adding that a display of power was a first condition for the development of trade and was necessary to make sure that no one should find it an easy task to disturb the country's development.

Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, minister of foreign affairs urged the necessity of a strong fleet of cruisers. He remarked: "In the heat of conflict over the demands of the navy there has been much bitterness. While the decisions of the committee are harmful we only attribute them to honorable motives. May the Empire be the first thought of all and we especially ask you to grant the vote for the two cruisers."

The United States tariff bill will be reported to the house of representatives to-morrow, and the debate will begin on Monday next and a final vote taken on March 31.

It is reported that a cabinet crisis is in progress in Bulgaria, and that M. Soiloff has been intrusted with the task of reforming the ministry.

The London Lancet says that rumors of the ill-health of the Czar from cerebral symptoms are unfounded, adding that His Majesty goes out daily at daybreak and runs five furlongs, watch in hand, to see if he can reach the distance in his average time.

Mr. Clergue, of Sault Ste. Marie, whose pulp factory is closed down, had an interview yesterday with the Dominion cabinet at Ottawa in regard to placing an export duty on pulp wood. Unless this be done, he says he cannot start up his business again. The cabinet will consider the matter.

WEDNESDAY'S FIGHT.

Opinions of the London Papers—What Fitzsimmons and Corbett Say.

LONDON, March 18.—Immense crowds gathered in Fleet street in front of the newspaper offices and at the various sporting clubs to receive the news of the fight at Carson. The greatest elation followed the announcement that Fitzsimmons had won.

The Sportsman says: "Corbett is the victim of his own jealousy and dog-in-the-manger policy. He ought to have retired from the ring before he had been beaten by his inferior in everything but pluck and hard hitting."

The Sporting Life says: "Fitzsimmons has fairly and honestly won the title of premier boxer of the world."

CARSON, Nev., March 18.—Fitzsimmons is reported to have said: "There was not a time in the fight that I was not sure of winning. At the sixth round, when they say Corbett had me gone, I told my man when I had retired to my corner that I was going to lick Corbett to a certainty. I saw that he was able to keep his head out of my way and then began to lay for the body, and I finished him just as I did Sharkey. There is no sense in saying that it was a chance blow and all that sort of thing. It was just the kind of a blow that I was waiting for a chance to deliver, and when my chance came I sent it home and won the fight. That was all the chance there was about it."

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—When Corbett was told the rumor was about that he was dead he was having a broken tooth tinkered with by a dentist and was rather fractious. "Dead, am I?" he roared in a voice of thunder, "I wish the papers would tell everyone that I am the most lively corpse you ever saw," and he shot out his fist in pantomime at the dentist, who retreated to a safe distance. Corbett says he will show himself on the streets as soon as he is through with the dentist, just to show his friends how he is.

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